

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with combat-related disabilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2296

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. WARREN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. KING, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BENNET, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. JUSTICE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PETERS)

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

1 **SEC. 6____. ELIGIBILITY OF DISABILITY RETIREES WITH**
2 **COMBAT-RELATED DISABILITIES FOR CON-**
3 **CURRENT RECEIPT OF VETERANS' DIS-**
4 **ABILITY COMPENSATION AND RETIRED PAY.**

5 (a) CONCURRENT RECEIPT IN CONNECTION WITH
6 CRSC.—Section 1413a(b) of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking paragraph (3).

8 (b) CONCURRENT RECEIPT GENERALLY.—Section
9 1414(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
10 striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new
11 paragraphs:

12 “(2) COMBAT-RELATED RETIREES.—An eligible
13 combat-related disabled uniformed services retiree
14 (as defined in section 1413a(c) of this title) who is
15 retired under chapter 61 of this title, is entitled to
16 retired pay under chapter 61 of this title for any
17 month, and is also entitled for that month to vet-
18 erans’ disability compensation under title 38, is enti-
19 tled to be paid both such retired pay and such vet-
20 erans’ disability compensation for that month with-
21 out regard to sections 5304 and 5305 of title 38.

22 “(3) EXCLUSION OF OTHER RETIREES.—Sub-
23 section (a) does not apply to a member retired under
24 chapter 61 of this title if the member is not covered
25 by paragraph (1) or (2).”.

26 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) AMENDMENTS REFLECTING END OF CON-
2 CURRENT RECEIPT PHASE-IN PERIOD.—Section
3 1414 of title 10, United States Code, is further
4 amended—

5 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (i) by striking the second sentence;

7 and

8 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and

9 (B);

10 (B) by striking subsection (c) and redesign-
11 nating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections
12 (c) and (d), respectively; and

13 (C) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by
14 striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

15 (2) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of such
16 section 1414 is amended to read as follows:

17 “§ 1414. **Members eligible for retired pay who are also**
18 **eligible for veterans’ disability compensa-**
19 **tion: concurrent receipt”.**

20 (3) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of chapter 71 of such title is
22 amended by striking the item relating to section
23 1414 and inserting the following new item:

“1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also eligible for veterans’ dis-
ability compensation: concurrent receipt.”.

1 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
2 1413a(f) of such title is amended by striking “Sub-
3 section (d)” and inserting “Subsection (c)”.

4 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first
6 month beginning after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act and shall apply to payments for months beginning on
8 or after that date.