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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN TAX BENEFITS FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PER-**
3 **FORMING SERVICES AT GUANTANAMO BAY**
4 **NAVAL STATION, CUBA, AND IN THE HORN OF**
5 **AFRICA.**

6 (a) GENERAL RULE.—In the case of a member of the
7 Armed Forces of the United States who is entitled to spe-
8 cial pay under section 310 of title 37, United States Code
9 (relating to special pay: duty subject to hostile fire or im-
10 minent danger), for services performed at Guantanamo
11 Bay Naval Station, Cuba, or in any country located in the
12 region known as the Horn of Africa as part of Operation
13 Enduring Freedom (or any successor operation), such
14 member shall be treated in the same manner as if such
15 services were in a combat zone (as determined under sec-
16 tion 112 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) for pur-
17 poses of the following provisions of such Code:

18 (1) Section 2(a)(3) (relating to special rule
19 where deceased spouse was in missing status).

20 (2) Section 112 (relating to the exclusion of
21 certain combat pay of members of the Armed
22 Forces).

23 (3) Section 692 (relating to income taxes of
24 members of Armed Forces on death).

1 (4) Section 2201 (relating to members of the
2 Armed Forces dying in combat zone or by reason of
3 combat-zone-incurred wounds, etc.).

4 (5) Section 3401(a)(1) (defining wages relating
5 to combat pay for members of the Armed Forces).

6 (6) Section 4253(d) (relating to the taxation of
7 phone service originating from a combat zone from
8 members of the Armed Forces).

9 (7) Section 6013(f)(1) (relating to joint return
10 where individual is in missing status).

11 (8) Section 7508 (relating to time for per-
12 forming certain acts postponed by reason of service
13 in combat zone).

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), this section shall take effect on the date
17 of the enactment of this Act.

18 (2) WITHHOLDING.—Subsection (a)(5) shall
19 apply to remuneration paid on or after such date of
20 enactment.

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