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S. 3713

To require the Secretary of Defense to provide to certain members of the National Guard serving on active service in response to the coronavirus (COVID–19) the transitional health benefits provided to members of the reserve components separating from active duty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2020

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Support our National
5 Guard Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSITIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN**
 2 **MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD SERV-**
 3 **ING UNDER ORDERS IN RESPONSE TO THE**
 4 **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
 6 provide to a member of the National Guard separating
 7 from active service after serving on full-time National
 8 Guard duty pursuant to section 502(f) of title 32, United
 9 States Code, the health benefits authorized under section
 10 1145 of title 10, United States Code, for a member of
 11 a reserve component separating from active duty, as re-
 12 ferred to in subsection (a)(2)(B) of such section 1145, if
 13 the active service from which the member of the National
 14 Guard is separating was in support of the whole of govern-
 15 ment response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

16 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “active
 17 duty”, “active service”, and “full-time National Guard
 18 duty” have the meanings given those terms in section
 19 101(d) of title 10, United States Code.

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