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HR 493

Ruben Estrella-Soto Act of 2005 Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Feb 1, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Feb 18, 2005)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Ruben Estrella-Soto Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of the military department concerned to provide an allowance to a member of the Armed Forces who has obtained insurance coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program for each month during which such member: (1) served in an area for which special combat zone pay is authorized; (2) underwent training for immediate deployment to a combat zone; (3) underwent outprocessing immediately following return from a combat zone; (4) was in transit to or from a combat zone; (5) was hospitalized as a result of an injury, illness, or condition incurred or aggravated in a combat zone; or (6) was serving in pay grades E-1 through E-4. Makes the amount of such allowance the same amount as the pay deduction for such insurance coverage.

Requires the Secretary concerned to notify eligible individuals of the availability of such allowance.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 18, 2005: Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- Feb 18, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- Feb 1, 2005: Introduced in House
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