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Fair RETIRE Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 4, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 29, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 24, 2017

Committee Activity

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Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 4, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3303	Related bill	Mar 15, 2018: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Fair Return for Employees on Their Initial Retirement Earned Act of 2017 or the Fair RETIRE Act

This bill expresses the sense of Congress with respect to the retention and reappointment of law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear materials couriers, members of the Capitol and Supreme Court police, Central Intelligence Agency employees or diplomatic security agents of the Department of State (covered positions) who suffer an injury or illness while serving. In developing regulations to carry out this bill, the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Labor should ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that the reappointment of an individual to a position in the civil service that is not a covered position is with the same federal agency, in the same geographic location, and at a level of pay commensurate to the position which the individual held immediately prior to such injury or illness.

Currently, an employee in a covered position may retire after 20 years of service at age 50, or after 25 years of service at any age, and must retire at age 57. If such an employee is unable to complete the service requirement for retirement due to an illness or injury, such employee must then elect to take a disability retirement or return to work in a non-covered position that provides only for standard civil service retirement benefits. This bill allows such employees with not less than three years of creditable service in a covered position to retain their retirement benefits as if they had never been ill or injured.

Actions Timeline

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