

HR 4437

To amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prohibit the payment of back pay and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces who are guilty of desertion and to use the amount of any such unpaid pay and allowances to provide additional compensation to other members of the Armed Forces who were killed or wounded during missions to search for the missing members.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4413	Related bill	Dec 7, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Summary (as of Nov 16, 2017)

This bill amends the Uniform Code of Military Justice to deny back pay and allowances to any person who is guilty of desertion.

The Department of Defense shall use payments and allowances denied to a deserter under this bill to provide compensation to any members of the Armed Forces who were wounded while searching for the deserter or to representatives of any members who were killed while searching for the deserter.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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