

113TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. REDUCTION IN REQUIRED LENGTH OF COM-**
2 **MISSIONED SERVICE FOR RETIREMENT AS**
3 **AN OFFICER.**

4 (a) ARMY.—Section 3911(b) of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “The period”
7 and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (3),
8 the period”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(3) During the period beginning on January 1,
12 2014, and ending on September 30, 2016, the requirement
13 under subsection (a) for at least 10 years of active service
14 as a commissioned officer shall be reduced to a period of
15 at least four years.”.

16 (b) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—Section 6323(a)(2)
17 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “The pe-
19 riod” and inserting “Except as provided in subpara-
20 graph (C), the period”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 paragraph:

23 “(B) During the period beginning on January 1,
24 2014, and ending on September 30, 2016, the requirement
25 under paragraph (1) for at least 10 years of active service

1 as a commissioned officer shall be reduced to a period of
2 at least four years.”.

3 (c) AIR FORCE.—Section 8911(b) of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “The period”
6 and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (3),
7 the period”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(3) During the period beginning on January 1,
11 2014, and ending on September 30, 2016, the requirement
12 under subsection (a) for at least 10 years of active service
13 as a commissioned officer shall be reduced to a period of
14 at least four years.”.

15 (d) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—In the case of a
16 member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps
17 who was retired under section 638a, 3911(a), 6323(a), or
18 8911(a) of title 10, United States Code, during the period
19 beginning on January 1, 2014, and ending on the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military
21 department concerned shall modify the rank in which the
22 member was retired if necessary to comply with the
23 amendments made by this section.