

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. FETTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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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 “Servicemember
5 Healthcare Freedom Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Thousands of members of reserve compo-
2 nents and the National Guard, in addition to their
3 military service, work for the United States Govern-
4 ment in a civilian capacity.

5 (2) Nearly all members of the Selected Reserve
6 and the National Guard, and their families, are enti-
7 tled to purchase a TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS)
8 healthcare plan as a service-related benefit.

9 (3) As of the day before the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, eligibility for Federal Employee
11 Health Benefits (FEHB) prohibits members of the
12 Selected Reserve and National Guard from enrolling
13 in TRS plans.

14 (4) Removal of such prohibition for members of
15 the Selected Reserve and the National Guard will
16 provide continuity of care throughout mobilization
17 cycles.

18 (5) Providing members of the Armed Forces
19 with the ability to purchase comprehensive, low-cost
20 health insurance increases the readiness and
21 lethality of the Armed Forces as a whole.

1 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF EXPIRATION DATE TO ALLOW**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE AND**
3 **NATIONAL GUARD, ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL**
4 **EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS, TO ENROLL**
5 **INTO TRICARE RESERVE SELECT AS OF JAN-**
6 **UARY 1, 2025.**

7 Section 1076d(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
8 is amended by striking “January 1, 2030” and inserting
9 “January 1, 2025”.