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CONSENT

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Bill No: AJR 15  
Author: Alanis (R), et al.  
Introduced: 6/11/25  
Vote: 21

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SENATE MILITARY & VETERANS COMMITTEE: 4-0, 8/25/25  
AYES: Archuleta, McNerney, Menjivar, Umberg  
NO VOTE RECORDED: Grove

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 75-0, 7/7/25 (Consent) - See last page for vote

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**SUBJECT:** The Major Richard Star Act

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution urges the United States Congress to pass the Major Richard Star Act to ensure veterans with disabilities receive their full United States Department of Defense retirement pay and United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation without offset.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Major Richard Star Act would change current policy, which prevents some service members with combat-related injuries from receiving both retirement and disability benefits. Federal law requires a dollar-for-dollar offset of disability compensation and retirement pay. Therefore, service members with less than 20 years of service and a disability rating of less than 50% experience a dollar taken from their retirement for every dollar they receive in disability pay.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:**

None received

**OPPOSITION:**

None received

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:** According to the author:

Veterans and their families have borne the immense cost of our nation's freedom with courage, it is our duty to honor them with the full benefits they've earned, without any reduction. The current policy unjustly diminishes retirement pay and disability compensation for thousands of disabled veterans, imposing financial hardships that fail to reflect the full scope of their sacrifices. This change is urgently needed to ensure these heroes receive the complete support they deserve, upholding a commitment to their well-being that matches their service.

**ASSEMBLY FLOOR:** 75-0, 7/7/25

**AYES:** Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

**NO VOTE RECORDED:** Castillo, Harabedian, Patterson, Sanchez

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