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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6958

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CISNEROS (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Parole Relief Offering  
5 Troops Expedited Compassionate Treatment of Military  
6 Families Act” or as the “PROTECT Military Families  
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAROLE FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES OF CURRENT**  
2 **AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES.**

4 Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality  
5 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-  
7 graph (B) or” and inserting “subparagraphs (B)  
8 and (C) and”;

9 (2) by striking “Attorney General” each place  
10 such term appears and inserting “Secretary of  
11 Homeland Security”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(C)(i) Except as provided in clause (iii), the Sec-  
14 retary of Homeland Security shall parole into the United  
15 States an alien who is the spouse, widow or widower, par-  
16 ent, or child of—

17 “(I) a member of the Armed Forces on active  
18 duty;

19 “(II) a member of the Selected Reserve of the  
20 Ready Reserve; or

21 “(III) an individual, whether living or deceased,  
22 who—

23 “(aa) previously served as—

24 “(AA) a member of the Armed Forces  
25 on active duty; or

1                   “(BB) a member of the Selected Re-  
2                   serve of the Ready Reserve; and

3                   “(bb) was discharged or released from  
4                   such service under a condition other than dis-  
5                   honorably.

6                   “(ii) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall parole  
7                   an alien into the United States under clause (i) in 1-year  
8                   increments.

9                   “(iii)(I) An application for parole under this subpara-  
10                  graph may be denied only if the Secretary of Homeland  
11                  Security, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of  
12                  Veterans Affairs jointly issue a written justification for the  
13                  denial.

14                  “(II) The Secretary of Homeland Security, the Sec-  
15                  retary of Defense, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
16                  may not delegate the responsibility described in subclause  
17                  (I).

18                  “(III)(aa) In the case of a denial under subclause (I),  
19                  the Secretary of Homeland Security shall publish on a  
20                  publicly available internet website of the Department of  
21                  Homeland Security information about the denial, includ-  
22                  ing a detailed justification for the denial.

23                  “(bb) Information published under item (aa) shall not  
24                  include personally identifiable information.”.

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