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To amend title 14, United States Code, to require the retention of certain enlisted members of the Coast Guard who have completed 18 or more, but less than 20, years of service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. RETENTION OF ENLISTED MEMBERS OF THE**
 2 **COAST GUARD AFTER COMPLETION OF 18 OR**
 3 **MORE, BUT LESS THAN 20, YEARS OF SERV-**
 4 **ICE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
 6 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 7 the following new section:

8 **“§ 2517. Retention of enlisted members after comple-**
 9 **tion of 18 or more, but less than 20, years**
 10 **of service**

11 “(a) REGULAR MEMBERS.—An enlisted member of
 12 the regular component of the Coast Guard who is selected
 13 to be involuntarily separated, or whose term of enlistment
 14 expires and who is denied reenlistment, and who, on the
 15 date on which the member is to be discharged, is within
 16 two years of qualifying for retirement under section 2306
 17 of this title shall be retained on active duty until the mem-
 18 ber is qualified for retirement, unless the member is soon-
 19 er retired or discharged under any other provision of law.

20 “(b) RESERVE MEMBERS IN ACTIVE STATUS.—An
 21 enlisted member of the Coast Guard Reserve serving in
 22 an active status who is selected to be involuntarily sepa-
 23 rated (other than for physical disability or for cause), or
 24 whose term of enlistment expires and who is denied reen-
 25 listment (other than for physical disability or for cause),
 26 and who, on the date on which the member is to be dis-

1 charged or transferred from an active status, is entitled
 2 to be credited with at least 18, but less than 20, years
 3 of service, may not be discharged, denied reenlistment, or
 4 transferred from an active status without the consent of
 5 the member before the earlier of the following:

6 “(1) If, as of the date on which the member is
 7 to be discharged or transferred from an active sta-
 8 tus, the member has at least 18, but less than 19,
 9 years of service—

10 “(A) the date on which the member is enti-
 11 tled to be credited with 20 years of service; or

12 “(B) the third anniversary of the date on
 13 which the member would otherwise be dis-
 14 charged or transferred from an active status.

15 “(2) If, as of the date on which the member is
 16 to be discharged or transferred from an active sta-
 17 tus, the member has at least 19, but less than 20,
 18 years of service—

19 “(A) the date on which the member is enti-
 20 tled to be credited with 20 years of service; or

21 “(B) the second anniversary of the date on
 22 which the member would otherwise be dis-
 23 charged or transferred from an active status.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 25 ter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-

- 1 serring after the item relating to section 2516 the fol-
- 2 lowing:

“2517. Retention of enlisted members after completion of 18 or more, but less than 20, years of service.”.

