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## Bill Introduced to Reduce Reserve Retirement Age

H.R.783 has been introduced to reduce the age for military retired pay eligibility from 60 to 55 for members of the Reserves and National Guard. The bill would lower the retirement age for those who have served at least 20 years to begin to draw their retirement pay at age 55. Active duty forces have no age restrictions once their 20 years of service is complete. Members of the National Guard and the reservists in the Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Marine and Air Force, would qualify at age 55 for retirement pay based on individual participation in the retirement plan. This bill has been introduced to help compensate Reserve and Guard members for their expanding role in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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## DoD Monitoring TRICARE Servers

The Department of Defense announced recently that routine monitoring detected unusual activity on one of the TRICARE Management Activity's (TMA) public servers. Investigation of the activity showed that an intrusion had occurred and information was compromised. Information contained in the accessed files varied, and investigators do not know the intent of the crime or if any of the information will be misused. TMA has sent letters to affected individuals advising them of the incident and that the compromise of their personal information may potentially place them at risk for identity theft.

## Guard Members Returned from Deployment

Don't forget to complete your DD Form 2895 and submit it on time if you are interested in securing TRICARE RESERVE SELECT healthcare coverage. Also file that DD Form 214 with your County Clerks Office and visit your CVS0 to enroll or apply for all of your entitlements. If you believe you have service connected disability (illness or injury that was aggravated or occurred while on active duty) file a 10-10EZ, have a claim adjudicated and learn your results. Drilling Guardsmen can receive these benefits. Questions, call your State Benefits Advisor.

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