

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

TRICARE Retired Reserve Coverage for Reduced Age Retirement Eligibility Resolution 19-01

WHEREAS, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181, SEC. 647. Commencement of Receipt of Non-Regular Service Retired Pay by Members of the Ready Reserve on Active Federal Status or Active Duty for Significant Periods) updated Title 10 USC 12731, Age and Service Requirement, to include Reserve Component reduced age retirement eligibility below age 60 based on performance of an aggregate of certain active duty time; and

WHEREAS, a corresponding provision was not passed to concurrently lower eligibility for TRICARE Retired Reserve coverage under 10 U.S.C. Section 1076e. TRICARE program: TRICARE Retired Reserve coverage for certain members of the Retired Reserve who are qualified for a non-regular retirement but are not yet age 60; and

WHEREAS, the disconnect between these two benefits creates a gap of military sponsored health care coverage for Reserve Component service members who are receiving retirement pay below age 60; and

WHEREAS, this creates an inequity between Reserve Component retirees and Active Component retirees who are eligible for military sponsored health care coverage regardless of their age;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to amend 10 U.S.C. 1076e(a), to include eligibility for TRICARE Retired Reserve coverage for RC members who retire below age 60 under 10 USC 12731.

Adopted by the National Council, 18 Mar 2019

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