

**SEC. 604. AVAILABILITY OF SECOND FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE FOR MARRIED COUPLES WITH DEPENDENTS.**

(a) Availability- Section 427(d) of title 37, United States Code, is amended--

(1) by inserting '(1)' before 'A member';

(2) by striking 'Section 421' and inserting the following:

(3) Section 421';

(3) by striking 'However' and inserting 'Except as provided in paragraph (2)'; and

(4) by inserting before paragraph (3), as so designated, the following new paragraph:

(2) If a married couple, both of whom are members of the uniformed services, with dependents are simultaneously assigned to duties described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (a)(1) and the members resided together with their dependents immediately before their assignments, the Secretary concerned shall pay each of the members the full amount of the monthly allowance specified in such subsection until one of the members is no longer assigned to duties described in such subparagraphs. Upon expiration of the additional allowance, paragraph (1) shall continue to apply to the remaining member so long as the member is assigned to duties described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of such subsection.'

(b) Application of Amendment- Paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of section 427 of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to members of the uniformed services described in such paragraph who perform