

125th NGAUS GENERAL CONFERENCE
DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION #MT -A2

Proposal to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from 60 to 55.

BACKGROUND:

Reserve retirement is significantly less and received at a much older age than an active duty retirement, forcing National Guard and Reserve members to wait potentially decades to receive their retired pay. This is inequitable and is a glaring disparity between the active duty and the Reserve Components. A reduced retirement age option would provide significant recruiting and retention incentive at a time when Reserve Component members are being called to fight side by side with their fellow active duty members. A bill before Congress at this time (H.R. 742) would amend Section 12731(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code by striking “at least 60 years of age ” and inserting “at least 55 years of age ”.

This bill already has the support of over 70 members of the House.

Recommendation:

The Montana National Guard Association recommends to NGAUS to urge Congress to pass legislation that will amend title 10 United States Code to allow National Guard and Reserve members to be eligible to receive retired pay at 55 years of age.