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# H. R. 368

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require an audiometric test of each member of the Armed Forces before the separation of the member.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Mr. BENISHEK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUDIOMETRIC TEST REQUIRED BEFORE SEPA-**  
4 **RATION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
5 **FORCES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 59 of title 10, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 1179. Audiometric test required**

2 “Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of  
3 Defense, the Secretary of a military department shall en-  
4 sure that a member of the armed forces under the jurisdic-  
5 tion of the Secretary receives an audiometric test at the  
6 8000 Hz frequency (or other test that the Secretary of  
7 Defense determines has the ability to discover potential  
8 future hearing loss) to evaluate the hearing of the member  
9 during the 90-day period before the date on which the  
10 member is discharged, separated, or retired.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
12 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
13 after the item relating to section 1178 the following new  
14 item:

“1179. Audiometric test required.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1179 of title 10,  
16 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall  
17 apply with respect to a member being discharged, sepa-  
18 rated, or retired from the Armed Forces on or after the  
19 date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment of  
20 this Act.

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