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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1162

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2015

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Science Prize Competi-
3 tions Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

5 Section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Inno-
6 vation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) by inserting “competition” after “sec-
9 tion, a prize”;

10 (B) by inserting “types” after “following”;

11 and

12 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “prizes”
13 and inserting “prize competitions”;

14 (2) in subsection (f)—

15 (A) by striking “in the Federal Register”
16 and inserting “on a publicly accessible Govern-
17 ment website, such as www.challenge.gov,”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “prize”
19 and inserting “cash prize purse”;

20 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “prize” and
21 inserting “cash prize purse”;

22 (4) in subsection (h), by inserting “prize” be-
23 fore “competition” both places it appears;

24 (5) in subsection (i)—

25 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting
26 “prize” before “competition”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting
2 “prize” before “competition” both places it ap-
3 pears;

4 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
5 paragraph (4); and

6 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
7 following new paragraph:

8 “(3) WAIVER.—An agency may waive the re-
9 quirement under paragraph (2). The annual report
10 under subsection (p) shall include a list of such
11 waivers granted during the preceding fiscal year,
12 along with a detailed explanation of the reasons for
13 granting the waivers.”;

14 (6) in subsection (k)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting
16 “prize” before “competition”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “prize”
18 before “competitions” both places it appears;

19 (7) in subsection (l), by striking all after “may
20 enter into” and inserting “a grant, contract, cooper-
21 ative agreement, or other agreement with a private
22 sector for-profit or nonprofit entity to administer the
23 prize competition, subject to the provisions of this
24 section.”;

25 (8) in subsection (m)—

1 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Support for a prize com-
4 petition under this section, including financial sup-
5 port for the design and administration of a prize
6 competition or funds for a cash prize purse, may
7 consist of Federal appropriated funds and funds
8 provided by private sector for-profit and nonprofit
9 entities. The head of an agency may accept funds
10 from other Federal agencies, private sector for-profit
11 entities, and nonprofit entities, to be available to the
12 extent provided by appropriations Acts, to support
13 such prize competitions. The head of an agency may
14 not give any special consideration to any private sec-
15 tor for-profit or nonprofit entity in return for a do-
16 nation.”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “prize
18 awards” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

19 (C) in paragraph (3)(A)—

20 (i) by striking “No prize” and insert-
21 ing “No prize competition”; and

22 (ii) by striking “the prize” and insert-
23 ing “the cash prize purse”;

24 (D) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “a
25 prize” and inserting “a cash prize purse”;

1 (E) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by inserting
2 “competition” after “prize”;

3 (F) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “a
4 prize” and inserting “a cash prize purse”; and

5 (G) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “cash
6 prizes” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

7 (9) in subsection (n), by inserting “for both for-
8 profit and nonprofit entities,” after “contract vehi-
9 cle”;

10 (10) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “or pro-
11 viding a prize” and insert “a prize competition or
12 providing a cash prize purse”; and

13 (11) in subsection (p)(2)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “cash
15 prizes” both places it occurs and inserting
16 “cash prize purses”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
18 subparagraph:

19 “(G) PLAN.—A description of crosscutting
20 topical areas and agency-specific mission needs
21 that may be the strongest opportunities for

1 prize competitions during the upcoming 2 fiscal
2 years.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 2015.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.