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1ST SESSION

H. R. 299

To amend title 39, United States Code, to direct the United States Postal Service to establish rates of postage for packages shipped by priority mail from the United States to a foreign Army Post Office, Fleet Post Office, or Diplomatic Post Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Care Packages for Our
5 Heroes Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES OF POSTAGE FOR**
2 **PACKAGES SHIPPED BY PRIORITY MAIL**
3 **FROM THE UNITED STATES TO A FOREIGN**
4 **ARMY POST OFFICE, FLEET POST OFFICE, OR**
5 **DIPLOMATIC POST OFFICE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3632 of title 39, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(d) EXEMPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
10 not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
11 of this subsection, the Postal Service shall establish rates
12 of postage for packages shipped by priority mail from the
13 United States to a foreign Army Post Office, Fleet Post
14 Office, or Diplomatic Post Office address whereby such
15 packages may not be charged a zoned rate greater than
16 the zone 2 rate (as that term is defined in section 608.9
17 of the Domestic Mail Manual, or any successor manual).”.

18 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
19 2401 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by add-
20 ing at the end the following:

21 “(h) As reimbursement to the Postal Service for the
22 costs of carrying out subsection (d) of section 3632, there
23 are authorized to be appropriated to the Postal Service
24 for any fiscal year an amount equal to the revenue dif-
25 ference between the estimated revenue the Postal Service
26 would have received during such fiscal year if such sub-

1 section had not been enacted and the estimated revenue
2 the Postal Service would receive during such fiscal year
3 as a result of carrying out such subsection.”.

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