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H. R. 1482

To amend title 10, United States Code, to increase whistleblower protections for members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. SLAUGHTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

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 “Whistleblower Protec-
5 tion Enhancement Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASED WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION FOR**
7 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ASSIGN JUDGE ADVOCATE TO
9 WHISTLEBLOWER.—Section 1034 of title 10, United
10 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(4) A member of the armed forces that sub-
4 mits an allegation under this section shall be as-
5 signed a judge advocate to represent the member
6 during any proceedings or investigation in connec-
7 tion with the allegation.”; and

8 (2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking the dash
9 after “paragraph (1)” and all that follows through
10 “(B)”.

11 (b) REQUIREMENT TO POST WHISTLEBLOWER PRO-
12 VISIONS.—Section 1034 of such title is further amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
14 section (l); and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the follow-
16 ing new subsection:

17 “(j) POSTING OF WHISTLEBLOWER PROVISIONS.—
18 The provisions contained in this section shall be posted
19 in a prominent location in each military installation or ves-
20 sel to which more than 100 members of the armed forces
21 are assigned.”.

22 (c) CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION.—Section 1034 of
23 such title is further amended by inserting after subsection
24 (j) (as added by subsection (b)) the following new sub-
25 section:

1 “(k) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
2 be construed as prohibiting a member of the armed forces
3 who submits an allegation to the Inspector General of the
4 Department of Defense (or the Inspector General of the
5 Department of Transportation, in the case of a member
6 of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating
7 as a service in the Navy) under this section with respect
8 to information that the member believes constitutes evi-
9 dence of wrongdoing from submitting an allegation with
10 respect to the same information to an officer described in
11 subsection (j)(2)(B) or an equal employment opportunity
12 officer.”.

13 (d) EXTENSION OF PERIOD DURING WHICH ALLE-
14 GATION MAY BE SUBMITTED.—Section 1034(c)(3) of
15 such title is amended by striking out “60” and inserting
16 in lieu thereof “120”.

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