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2D SESSION

H. R. 5195

To amend title 10 and title 14, United States Code, and the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to increase the period of the service obligation for graduates of the military service academies, the Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2002

Mr. COBLE (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Excellence in Military
5 Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR GRAD-**
2 **UATES OF MILITARY AND OTHER SERVICE**
3 **ACADEMIES.**

4 (a) **MILITARY ACADEMY.**—Section 4348(a)(2)(B) of
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “five
6 years” and inserting “eight years”.

7 (b) **NAVAL ACADEMY.**—Section 6959(a)(2)(B) of
8 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “five
9 years” and inserting “eight years”.

10 (c) **AIR FORCE ACADEMY.**—Section 9348(a)(2)(B) of
11 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “five
12 years” and inserting “eight years”.

13 (d) **COAST GUARD ACADEMY.**—Section 182(b)(2)(B)
14 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking
15 “five years” and inserting “eight years”.

16 (e) **MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.**—Section
17 1303(e)(1) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App.
18 U.S.C. 1295b(e)(1)), is amended—

19 (1) in the matter before subparagraph (A), by
20 striking “after the date occurring 6 months after the
21 effective date of the Maritime Education and Train-
22 ing Act of 1980”;

23 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “6 years”
24 and inserting “eight years”;

25 (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “6 years
26 following the date of graduation from the Academy

1 of such individual” and inserting “eight years imme-
2 diately after such appointment”; and

3 (4) in subparagraph (E), by striking “5 years”
4 and inserting “eight years”.

5 (f) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
6 section shall apply to persons who are first admitted to
7 the United States Military Academy, the United States
8 Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy,
9 the United States Coast Guard Academy, and the United
10 States Merchant Marine Academy after December 31,
11 2002.

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