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H. R. 1193

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide permanent authority for certain chaplain-led family support programs of the Department of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2003

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

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. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR SUPPORT FOR**
4 **CERTAIN CHAPLAIN-LED MILITARY FAMILY**
5 **SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 88 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting at the end of sub-
8 chapter I the following new section:

1 **“§ 1789. Chaplain-led programs: authorized support**

2 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of a military de-
3 partment may provide support services described in sub-
4 section (b) to support chaplain-led programs to assist
5 members of the armed forces on active duty and their im-
6 mediate family members, and members of reserve compo-
7 nents in an active status and their immediate family mem-
8 bers, in building and maintaining a strong family struc-
9 ture.

10 “(b) **AUTHORIZED SUPPORT SERVICES.**—The sup-
11 port services referred to in subsection (a) are costs of
12 transportation, food, lodging, child care, supplies, fees,
13 and training materials for members of the armed forces
14 and their family members while participating in programs
15 referred to in that subsection, including participation at
16 retreats and conferences.

17 “(c) **IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.**—In this section,
18 the term ‘immediate family members’, with respect to a
19 member of the armed forces, means—

20 “(1) the member’s spouse; and

21 “(2) any child (as defined in section 1072(6) of
22 this title) of the member who is described in sub-
23 paragraph (D) of section 1072(2) of this title.”.

1 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
2 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
3 to section 1788 the following new item:

“1789. Chaplain-led programs: authorized support.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1789 of title 10,
5 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
6 effect on October 1, 2003.

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