

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1406

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2005

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

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## 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 “Senior NCO Household  
5        Goods Shipment Equity Act of 2005”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Household-goods weight allowances for a  
 2 member of the uniformed services during a perma-  
 3 nent change of station move are currently set as a  
 4 grade-based benefit rather than reflecting the nor-  
 5 mal accumulation of goods during the career of the  
 6 member and as the member’s family grows.

7           (2) An undeniable aspect of the life of a senior  
 8 noncommissioned officer is the jettisoning of per-  
 9 sonal property prior to a permanent change of sta-  
 10 tion move in order to avoid the financial penalties  
 11 that must be paid for household goods weights that  
 12 exceed the permitted weight allowances.

13           (3) Increased household goods weight allow-  
 14 ances for senior noncommissioned officers and their  
 15 families would serve as a career incentive and pro-  
 16 vide fairness to those members who have made mili-  
 17 tary service a career.

18 **SEC. 3. INCREASED WEIGHT ALLOWANCES FOR SHIPMENT**  
 19 **OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS OF SENIOR NON-**  
 20 **COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**

21           (a) INCREASE.—The table in section 406(b)(1)(C) of  
 22 title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
 23 items relating to pay grades E–7 through E–9 and insert-  
 24 ing the following new items:

“E–9 .....	18,000	18,000
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E-8 .....	16,000	17,500
E-7 .....	14,000	17,000”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2006, and  
3 apply with respect to an order in connection with a change  
4 of temporary or permanent station issued on or after that  
5 date.

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