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H. R. 3996

To prohibit the closure or reduced operation of military commissary stores
and exchange stores before January 1, 2017.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas (for himself, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. LONG, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. YODER, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. YOHIO) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save our Military
5 Shopping Benefits Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR REDUCED OPER-**
2 **ATION OF COMMISSARY STORES AND EX-**
3 **CHANGE STORES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding subsections (c)
5 and (d) of section 2482 of title 10, United States Code,
6 or any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense
7 may not—

8 (1) close any commissary store or exchange
9 store located within the United States; or

10 (2) develop or implement any plan that would
11 result in the closure of all commissaries located in
12 the United States as part of a cost-saving effort.

13 (b) DEFINITION OF CLOSE.—In this section, the term
14 “close” includes any action that has the effect of—

15 (1) reducing the operating hours or size of a
16 commissary store or exchange store below fiscal year
17 2014 levels; or

18 (2) changing the location of a commissary store
19 or exchange store.

20 (c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to a
21 change in the size or location of a commissary store or
22 exchange store if the Secretary of Defense determines that
23 the change is required for upgrading or modifying an ex-
24 isting structure for safety or health reasons.

1 (d) DURATION.—The prohibition imposed by sub-
2 section (a) expires January 1, 2017.

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