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AN ACT

To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for ''midnight rules'', and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016''.

SEC. 2. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL PERTAINING TO "MIDNIGHT RULES".

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(d) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(4) In applying section 802 to rules described under paragraph (1), a joint resolution of disapproval may contain one or more such rules if the report under subsection (a)(1)(A) for each such rule was submitted during the final year of a President's term.''.

(b) TEXT OF RESOLVING CLAUSE.—Section 802(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting after ''resolving clause of which is'' the following: ''(except as otherwise provided in this subsection)''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: ''In the case of a joint resolution under section 801(d)(4), the matter after the resolving clause of such resolution shall be as follows: 'That Congress disapproves the following rules: the rule submitted by the ____ relating to ____; and the rule submitted by the ____ relating to ____. Such rules shall have no force or

effect.' (The blank spaces being appropriately filled in and additional clauses describing additional rules to be included as necessary)''.

Passed the House of Representatives November 17, 2016.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.