

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3722

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for the import of donated fire-fighting and rescue and relief equipment and supplies free of duty and other restrictions for purposes of inspection and subsequent donation and export of such equipment and supplies to countries and organizations in need, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Mr. NOLAN (for himself and Mr. PAULSEN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Humanitarian Fire-
5 fighter Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 322(b) of the Tariff Act
3 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1322(b)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “, and” and
5 inserting a semicolon;

6 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting “, and”;

8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(5) donated fire-fighting and rescue and relief
11 equipment and supplies imported by or on behalf of
12 a qualified nonprofit organization for purposes of in-
13 spection of such equipment and supplies and the
14 subsequent donation and export of such equipment
15 and supplies to countries and organizations in need,
16 as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.”;
17 and

18 (4) by adding at the end the following new sen-
19 tence: “A qualified nonprofit organization referred to
20 in paragraph (5) is an organization that is described
21 in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
22 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of
23 such Code.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section apply to articles entered, or withdrawn from

1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE HARMONIZED TARIFF**
 4 **SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter X of chapter 98 of the
 6 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
 7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
 8 new heading:

“	9810.00.98	Donated fire-fighting and rescue and relief equipment and supplies imported under the terms of U.S. note 7 to this subchapter	Free			Free	”.
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9 (b) AMENDMENTS TO U.S. NOTES.—Subchapter X of
 10 chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
 11 United States is amended—

12 (1) in U.S. Note 1 to such subchapter, by strik-
 13 ing “and 9810.00.95” and inserting “, 9810.00.95
 14 and 9810.00.98”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end of the U.S. Notes to
 16 such subchapter the following new U.S. Note:

17 “7. For purposes of heading 9810.00.98, goods may
 18 be imported under such heading, under the terms of sec-
 19 tion 322 of the Tariff Act of 1930 and regulations issued
 20 thereunder, if such goods are imported by or on behalf
 21 of a qualified nonprofit organization described in section
 22 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and ex-
 23 empt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section apply to articles entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

