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H. R. 5492

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2019

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) 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. REPEAL OF MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE**

4 **ACT.**

5 (a) REPEAL.—The Military Selective Service Act (50
6 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.) is repealed.

7 (b) TRANSFERS IN CONNECTION WITH REPEAL.—

8 Notwithstanding the proviso in section 10(a)(4) of the

1 Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3809(a)(4)), the
2 Office of Selective Service Records shall not be reestab-
3 lished upon the repeal of the Act. Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the assets,
5 contracts, property, and records held by the Selective
6 Service System, and the unexpended balances of any ap-
7 propriations available to the Selective Service System,
8 shall be transferred to the Administrator of General Serv-
9 ices upon the repeal of the Act. The Director of the Office
10 of Personnel Management shall assist officers and employ-
11 ees of the Selective Service System to transfer to other
12 positions in the executive branch.

13 (c) EFFECT ON EXISTING SANCTIONS.—

14 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
15 a person may not be denied a right, privilege, ben-
16 efit, or employment position under Federal law on
17 the grounds that the person failed to present himself
18 for and submit to registration under section 3 of the
19 Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3802), be-
20 fore the repeal of that Act by subsection (a).

21 (2) A State, political subdivision of a State, or
22 political authority of two or more States may not
23 enact or enforce a law, regulation, or other provision
24 having the force and effect of law to penalize or
25 deny any privilege or benefit to a person who failed

1 to present himself for and submit to registration
2 under section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act
3 (50 U.S.C. 3802), before the repeal of that Act by
4 subsection (a). In this section, “State” means a
5 State, the District of Columbia, and a territory or
6 possession of the United States.

7 (3) Failing to present oneself for and submit to
8 registration under section 3 of the Military Selective
9 Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3802), before the repeal of
10 that Act by subsection (a), shall not be reason for
11 any entity of the U.S. Government to determine that
12 a person lacks good moral character or is unsuited
13 for any privilege or benefit.

14 (d) CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.—Nothing con-
15 tained in this Act shall be construed to undermine or di-
16 minish the rights of conscientious objectors under laws
17 and regulations of the United States.

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