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S. 4881

To repeal the Military Selective Service Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2024

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. LUMMIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To repeal the Military Selective Service Act.

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 is repealed.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
9 Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3809(a)(4)), the
10 Office of Selective Service Records shall not be reestab-
11 lished upon the repeal of the Act. Not later than 180 days

1 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the assets,
2 contracts, property, and records held by the Selective
3 Service System, and the unexpended balances of any ap-
4 propriations available to the Selective Service System,
5 shall be transferred to the Administrator of General Serv-
6 ices upon the repeal of the Act. The Director of the Office
7 of Personnel Management shall assist officers and employ-
8 ees of the Selective Service System to transfer to other
9 positions in the executive branch.

10 (c) EFFECT ON EXISTING SANCTIONS.—

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

18 (2) A State, political subdivision of a State, or
19 political authority of two or more States may not
20 enact or enforce a law, regulation, or other provision
21 having the force and effect of law to penalize or
22 deny any privilege or benefit to a person who failed
23 to present himself for and submit to registration
24 under section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act
25 (50 U.S.C. 3802), before the repeal of that Act by

1 subsection (a). In this section, “State” means a
2 State, the District of Columbia, and a territory or
3 possession of the United States.

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

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

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