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# H. R. 5321

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Mr. GUTHRIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## 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 “Service Members and  
5 Communities Count Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED ENUMERATION OF MEMBERS OF THE**  
2 **ARMED FORCES IN ANY TABULATION OF**  
3 **TOTAL POPULATION BY SECRETARY OF COM-**  
4 **MERCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 141 of title 13, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
8 section (h); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(g) Effective beginning with the 2020 decennial cen-  
12 sus of population, in taking any tabulation of total popu-  
13 lation by States, the Secretary shall take appropriate  
14 measures to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable,  
15 that all members of the Armed Forces deployed abroad  
16 on the date of taking such tabulation are—

17 “(1) fully and accurately counted; and

18 “(2) properly attributed to the State in which  
19 their permanent duty station or homeport is located  
20 on such date.”.

21 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—The amendments made by sub-  
22 section (a) shall not be construed to affect the residency  
23 status of any member of the Armed Forces under any pro-  
24 vision of law other than title 13, United States Code.

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