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H. R. 3844

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAYSON 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT THAT COST OR PRICE TO THE**
2 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BE GIVEN AT LEAST**
3 **EQUAL IMPORTANCE AS TECHNICAL OR**
4 **OTHER CRITERIA IN EVALUATING COMPETI-**
5 **TIVE PROPOSALS FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTS.**

6 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Subparagraph (A) of section
7 2305(a)(3) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
8 by striking “proposals; and” at the end of clause (ii) and
9 all that follows through the end of the subparagraph and
10 inserting the following: “proposals and that must be as-
11 signed importance at least equal to all evaluation factors
12 other than cost or price when combined.”.

13 (b) **WAIVER.**—Section 2305(a)(3) of such title is fur-
14 ther amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
15 the following:

16 “(B) The requirement of subparagraph
17 (A)(ii) relating to assigning at least equal im-
18 portance to evaluation factors of cost or price
19 may be waived by the head of the agency.”.

20 (c) **REPORT.**—Section 2305(a)(3) of such title is fur-
21 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 paragraph:

23 “(C) Not later than 180 days after the end
24 of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense
25 shall submit to Congress, and post on a publicly
26 available website of the Department of Defense,

1 a report containing a list of each waiver issued
2 by the head of an agency under subparagraph
3 (B) during the preceding fiscal year.”.

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