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H. R. 4247

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2014

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. ENYART, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. HECK of Nevada) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Disabled Veterans
5 Jobs Opportunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HIRING PREFERENCE FOR DISABLED VETERANS**
2 **WITH AT LEAST 70 PERCENT DISABILITY RAT-**
3 **ING.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3309 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
7 (1);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
9 graph (2); and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(3) a preference eligible under section
13 2108(3)(C) of this title with a service-connected dis-
14 ability or combination of service-connected disabil-
15 ities rated as not less than 70 percent disabling by
16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—15 points.”.

17 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

18 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by
19 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any exam-
20 ination for entrance into the competitive service
21 taken on or after the date of enactment of this sec-
22 tion.

23 (2) **EXAMINATIONS PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACT-**
24 **MENT OF THIS SECTION.**—

25 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—With respect to any in-
26 dividual who received a passing grade on such

1 an examination in 2014 but before the date of
2 enactment of this section, the relevant hiring
3 agency shall send notification to any such indi-
4 vidual to determine whether such individual is
5 eligible for the additional points provided by
6 paragraph (3) of section 3309 of title 5, United
7 States Code (as added by subsection (a) of this
8 section).

9 (B) DEADLINE.—Beginning on the date
10 that an individual receives notification under
11 subparagraph (A), such individual shall have 30
12 days to respond to the relevant hiring agency in
13 order to receive credit for such points.

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