

Public Law 113–26  
113th Congress

An Act

Aug. 9, 2013  
[H.R. 1171]

To amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Formerly Owned  
Resources for  
Veterans to  
Express Thanks  
for Service Act  
of 2013.  
40 USC 101 note.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Formerly Owned Resources for Veterans to Express Thanks for Service Act of 2013” or the “FOR VETS Act of 2013”.

**SEC. 2. VETERANS ACCESS TO FEDERAL EXCESS AND SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

Section 549(c)(3) of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;
- (2) in subparagraph (B)—
  - (A) in clause (viii), by adding “or” at the end; and
  - (B) by striking clause (x); and
- (3) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) for purposes of providing services to veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38), to an organization whose—

- “(i) membership comprises substantially veterans;
- and
- “(ii) representatives are recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 5902 of title 38.”.

Approved August 9, 2013.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 1171:**

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