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# H. R. 1162

[Report No. 114-125]

To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

MAY 19, 2015

Additional sponsors: Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. ESTY, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. GRAYSON, and Mr. WESTERMAN

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 27, 2015]

# **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 “Science Prize Competi-*  
5 *tions Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

7        *Section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Inno-*  
8 *vation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) is amended—*

9            *(1) in subsection (c)—*

10                    *(A) by inserting “competition” after “sec-*  
11 *tion, a prize”;*

12                    *(B) by inserting “types” after “following”;*

13                    *and*

14                    *(C) in paragraph (4), by striking “prizes”*  
15 *and inserting “prize competitions”;*

16            *(2) in subsection (f)—*

17                    *(A) by striking “in the Federal Register”*  
18 *and inserting “on a publicly accessible Govern-*  
19 *ment website, such as [www.challenge.gov](http://www.challenge.gov),”; and*

20                    *(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “prize”*  
21 *and inserting “cash prize purse”;*

22                    *(3) in subsection (g), by striking “prize” and in-*  
23 *serting “cash prize purse”;*

24                    *(4) in subsection (h), by inserting “prize” before*  
25 *“competition” both places it appears;*

1           (5) in subsection (i)—

2                 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting  
3           “prize” before “competition”;

4                 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting  
5           “prize” before “competition” both places it ap-  
6           pears;

7                 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
8           paragraph (4); and

9                 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
10          lowing new paragraph:

11                 “(3) *WAIVER.*—An agency may waive the re-  
12          quirement under paragraph (2). The annual report  
13          under subsection (p) shall include a list of such waiv-  
14          ers granted during the preceding fiscal year, along  
15          with a detailed explanation of the reasons for grant-  
16          ing the waivers.”;

17           (6) in subsection (k)—

18                 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting  
19           “prize” before “competition”; and

20                 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “prize”  
21           before “competitions” both places it appears;

22           (7) in subsection (l), by striking all after “may  
23          enter into” and inserting “a grant, contract, coopera-  
24          tive agreement, or other agreement with a private sec-  
25          tor for-profit or nonprofit entity to administer the

1        *prize competition, subject to the provisions of this sec-*  
2        *tion.”;*

3                *(8) in subsection (m)—*

4                        *(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as*  
5                        *follows:*

6                        *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Support for a prize competi-*  
7                        *tion under this section, including financial support*  
8                        *for the design and administration of a prize competi-*  
9                        *tion or funds for a cash prize purse, may consist of*  
10                       *Federal appropriated funds and funds provided by*  
11                       *private sector for-profit and nonprofit entities. The*  
12                       *head of an agency may accept funds from other Fed-*  
13                       *eral agencies, private sector for-profit entities, and*  
14                       *nonprofit entities to support such prize competitions.*  
15                       *The head of an agency may not give any special con-*  
16                       *sideration to any private sector for-profit or nonprofit*  
17                       *entity in return for a donation.”;*

18                       *(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “prize*  
19                       *awards” and inserting “cash prize purses”;*

20                       *(C) in paragraph (3)(A)—*

21                                *(i) by striking “No prize” and insert-*  
22                                *ing “No prize competition”; and*

23                                *(ii) by striking “the prize” and insert-*  
24                                *ing “the cash prize purse”;*

1           (D) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “a  
2           prize” and inserting “a cash prize purse”;

3           (E) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by inserting  
4           “competition” after “prize”;

5           (F) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “a  
6           prize” and inserting “a cash prize purse”; and

7           (G) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “cash  
8           prizes” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

9           (9) in subsection (n), by inserting “for both for-  
10          profit and nonprofit entities,” after “contract vehi-  
11          cle”;

12          (10) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “or pro-  
13          viding a prize” and insert “a prize competition or  
14          providing a cash prize purse”; and

15          (11) in subsection (p)(2)—

16               (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “cash  
17               prizes” both places it occurs and inserting “cash  
18               prize purses”; and

19               (B) by adding at the end the following new  
20               subparagraph:

21                       “(G) PLAN.—A description of crosscutting  
22                       topical areas and agency-specific mission needs  
23                       that may be the strongest opportunities for prize  
24                       competitions during the upcoming 2 fiscal  
25                       years.”.



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