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H. R. 1177

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Mr. POSEY (for himself and Mr. NUGENT) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Deployed Troops Sup-
5 port Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF SUPPLIES TO MEMBERS OF**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES FROM NONPROFIT OR-**
3 **GANIZATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 20 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 402 the
6 following new section:

7 **“§ 403. Transportation of supplies from nonprofit or-**
8 **ganizations**

9 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION.—Not-
10 withstanding any other provision of law, and subject to
11 subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense may transport to
12 any country, without charge, supplies that have been fur-
13 nished by a nonprofit organization and that are intended
14 for distribution to members of the armed forces. Such sup-
15 plies may be transported only on a space available basis.

16 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) The Secretary may not
17 transport supplies under subsection (a) unless the Sec-
18 retary determines that—

19 “(A) the transportation of the supplies is con-
20 sistent with the policies of the United States;

21 “(B) the supplies are suitable for distribution to
22 members of the armed forces and are in usable con-
23 dition;

24 “(C) there is a legitimate need for the supplies
25 by the members of the armed forces for whom they
26 are intended; and

1 “(D) adequate arrangements have been made
2 for the distribution and use of the supplies.

3 “(2) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall establish
4 procedures for making the determinations required under
5 paragraph (1). Such procedures shall include inspection
6 of supplies before acceptance for transport.

7 “(3) PREPARATION.—It shall be the responsibility of
8 the nonprofit organization requesting the transport of sup-
9 plies under this section to ensure that the supplies are
10 suitable for transport.

11 “(c) DISTRIBUTION.—Supplies transported under
12 this section may be distributed by the United States Gov-
13 ernment or a nonprofit organization.

14 “(d) DEFINITION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—
15 In this section, the term ‘nonprofit organization’ means
16 an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the In-
17 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under
18 section 501(a) of such Code.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
20 at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is amended
21 by inserting after the item relating to section 402 the fol-
22 lowing new item:

“403. Transportation of supplies from nonprofit organizations.”.

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