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H. R. 4412

To amend the Military Selective Service Act to provide that a registrant for selective service may indicate at the time of registration a desire to be classified as a conscientious objector.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE 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. AUTHORITY OF REGISTRANT FOR SELECTIVE**
4 **SERVICE TO INDICATE AT THE TIME OF REG-**
5 **ISTRATION A DESIRE TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A**
6 **CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR.**

7 (a) AUTHORITY AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT.—

8 Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C.

1 3802) is amended by adding at the end the following new
2 subsection:

3 “(c)(1) Regulations prescribed pursuant to sub-
4 section (a) shall authorize a person registering under this
5 section to indicate at the time of registration that the per-
6 son desires to be classified—

7 “(A) as being conscientiously opposed (by rea-
8 son of religious, ethical, or moral belief) to participa-
9 tion in combatant military training and service in
10 the Armed Forces; or

11 “(B) as being conscientiously opposed (by rea-
12 son of religious, ethical, or moral belief) to participa-
13 tion in war in any form and to participation in both
14 noncombatant and combatant military training and
15 service in the Armed Forces.

16 “(2) Notice shall be provided on registration forms
17 that the indication by a registrant under paragraph (1)
18 of a desire to be classified in a manner described in such
19 paragraph—

20 “(A) is not binding on the United States; and

21 “(B) does not assure that the registrant will be
22 so classified pursuant to section 6(j).

23 “(3) The Director of Selective Service may allow a
24 registrant under paragraph (1) who indicates a desire to
25 be classified in a manner described in such paragraph to

1 submit a written statement in support of such classifica-
2 tion. The written statement shall be in any format that
3 the Director determines appropriate. The Director shall
4 take steps to ensure that—

5 “(A) any such statement is included in the reg-
6 istrant’s record; and

7 “(B) the receipt of such a statement is noted
8 on any record of registration provided to the reg-
9 istrant.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION OF AMEND-
11 MENT.—Subsection (c) of section 3 of the Military Selec-
12 tive Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3802), as added by subsection
13 (a), shall apply to registrations under such section occur-
14 ring after the end of the one-year period beginning on the
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

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