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H. R. 3191

To expand eligibility for the My Career Advancement Account program of the Department of Defense to certain military spouses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIM (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Spouse Employment
5 Reciprocity and Vocational Instruction for Career En-
6 hancement Act of 2019” or the “SERVICE Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MY CAREER**
2 **ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM TO CER-**
3 **TAIN MILITARY SPOUSES.**

4 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPANTS WHOSE**
5 **SPOUSES RECEIVE PROMOTIONS.**—A military spouse who
6 is participating in the My Career Advancement Account
7 program of the Department of Defense (in this section re-
8 ferred to as the “Program”) may not become ineligible
9 for the Program solely because the member of the Armed
10 Forces to whom the military spouse is married receives
11 a promotion in grade.

12 (b) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 of Defense shall submit to Congress a report regarding
15 the Program. The report shall include the following:

16 (1) An assessment of employment rates for
17 military spouses that identifies—

18 (A) the career fields most military spouses
19 frequently pursue; and

20 (B) the extent to which such rates may be
21 improved by expanding the Program to include
22 reimbursements for licensing reciprocity.

23 (2) An assessment of costs required to expand
24 the Program as described in paragraph (1)(B).