

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3724

To amend title 10, United States Code, to defer the deployment of a member of the Armed Forces who gives birth for one year unless the member elects to deploy with the approval of a health care provider employed at a military medical facility.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2019

Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. CASE, and Ms. PORTER) 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 “Equal Deferment Op-
5 portunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFERRED DEPLOYMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE**
2 **ARMED FORCES WHO GIVE BIRTH.**

3 Section 701 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(1) A member of the armed forces who gives birth
7 may not be deployed during the period of 12 months be-
8 ginning on the date of such birth except—

9 “(1) at the election of such member; and

10 “(2) with the approval of a health care provider
11 employed at a military medical treatment facility.”.

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