116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 3769

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 16, 2019

Ms. HOULAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 "Supporting Technical
- 5 Experts in Managing Diplomacy Act" or the "STEM Di-
- 6 plomacy Act".

1 SEC. 2. WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR OCCUPATIONAL REQUIRE-

2 MENTS.

3 The Secretary of State may waive any or all of the individual occupational requirements with respect to an 4 5 employee or prospective employee of the Department of State for a civilian position categorized under the GS-6 7 0130 occupational series if the Secretary determines that 8 the individual possesses significant scientific, techno-9 logical, engineering, or mathematical expertise that is integral to performing the duties of the applicable position, 10 based on demonstrated job performance and qualifying ex-11 perience. With respect to each waiver granted under this 12 section, the Secretary shall set forth in a written document 13 that is transmitted to the Director of the Office of Personnel Management the rationale for the decision of the 15 Secretary to waive such requirements.

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