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H. R. 8992

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for certain succession reforms, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2020

Miss RICE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for certain succession reforms, and for other purposes.

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. SUCCESSION REFORMS.**

4 Subsection (g) of section 103 of the Homeland Secu-
5 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 113) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “neither the
7 Secretary nor Deputy Secretary is” and inserting
8 “the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Associate
9 Secretary are not”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “designate
2 such other officers of the Department in further
3 order of succession to serve as Acting Secretary.”
4 and inserting “designate—

5 “(A) such other official of the Department
6 in further order of succession to serve as Acting
7 Secretary in a manner that requires such offi-
8 cial to have served in the Department for at
9 least 90 days prior to such designation in either
10 the position of the head of a component or in
11 another position by and with the advice and
12 consent of the Senate, or in the event that an
13 official satisfying such criteria is not available,
14 in a manner that requires such official to have
15 served for at least 90 days prior to such des-
16 ignation in the Senior Executive Service in the
17 Department; and

18 “(B) such other official of the Department
19 to serve as the acting head of a component in
20 the event the head of a component vacates the
21 position, in a manner that requires such official
22 to have served for at least 90 days prior to such
23 designation in the Senior Executive Service.”.

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