

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2161

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2021

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. LEE, and Mr. ROMNEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Retain Skilled Vet-  
5       erans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED MEM-**  
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO CERTAIN**  
3 **POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
4 **FENSE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3326 of title 5, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**CER-**  
8 **TAIN**” before “**POSITIONS**”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) by striking “appointed” and all that  
11 follows through “Defense” and inserting “ap-  
12 pointed to a position in the excepted or com-  
13 petitive service classified at or above GS–14 of  
14 the General Schedule (or equivalent) in or  
15 under the Department of Defense”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “for the  
17 purpose” and all that follows through “Manage-  
18 ment”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
20 at the beginning of subchapter I of chapter 33 of such  
21 title is amended in the item relating to section 3326 by  
22 inserting “certain” before “positions”.

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