

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 161

To transfer funds from the Internal Revenue Service to the Department of Defense to increase the pay of certain members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Prioritizing Troops
5 Over Tax Collectors Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM RATE OF BASIC PAY FOR A MEMBER OF**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the enactment of this
4 Act, the rate of basic pay for a member of the Armed
5 Forces under section 203 of title 37, United States Code,
6 shall equal or exceed \$31,200.

7 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN UNOBLIGATED FUNDS**
8 **FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO**
9 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CARRY**
10 **OUT INCREASE OF MINIMUM RATE OF BASIC**
11 **PAY.**

12 The unobligated balance of amounts made available
13 to the Internal Revenue Service under section 10301 of
14 Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation
15 Reduction Act”) are hereby transferred to the Department
16 of Defense to carry out section 1.

17 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HIR-**
18 **ING UNTIL MINIMUM RATE OF BASIC PAY**
19 **FOR A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES IS**
20 **INCREASED.**

21 During the period beginning on the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act and ending on the date on which the
23 Secretary of Defense certifies to the Commissioner of In-
24 ternal Revenue that such Secretary has implemented sec-
25 tion 1, the Internal Revenue Service may not hire any em-
26 ployee if such hiring would result in the number of full-

- 1 time employees employed by the Internal Revenue Service
- 2 exceeding the number of such employees so employed im-
- 3 mediately before such period.

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