

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4879

To exempt certain officers and employees of the Defense POW/MIA
Accounting Agency from furlough, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2019

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Armed Services

A BILL

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POW/MIA Accounting Agency from furlough, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defense POW/MIA
5 Accounting Agency Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF DEFENSE**
7 **POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY FROM FUR-**
8 **LOUGH.**

9 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE FURLOUGH.—An officer or em-
10 ployee of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency who

1 is traveling on or conducting an accounting and recovery
2 mission shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law,
3 rule, or regulation, be exempted from furlough. In this
4 subsection, the term “furlough”—

5 (1) means the placement of an officer or em-
6 ployee in a temporary status in which the officer or
7 employee has no duties and is not paid when the
8 placement in such status is by reason of insufficient
9 work, funds, or for other nondisciplinary reasons;
10 and

11 (2) does not include any furlough resulting
12 from a lapse in discretionary appropriations for the
13 Agency.

14 (b) SHUTDOWN FURLOUGH.—Any services by an of-
15 ficer or employee of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting
16 Agency carried out while traveling on or conducting an
17 accounting and recovery mission shall be deemed, for pur-
18 poses of section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, serv-
19 ices for emergencies involving the safety of human life or
20 the protection of property.

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