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H. R. 4935

To amend title 37, United States Code, to require compliance with domestic source requirements for footwear furnished to enlisted members of the Armed Forces upon their initial entry into the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2016

Ms. TSONGAS (for herself, Mr. POLIQUIN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. JONES, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Mr. MOULTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Stepping up for Amer-
5 ican Workers and Troops Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH DOMESTIC SOURCE REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS FOR FOOTWEAR FURNISHED TO EN-**
3 **LISTED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
4 **UPON THEIR INITIAL ENTRY INTO THE**
5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 Section 418 of title 37, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section:

9 “(d)(1) In the case of athletic footwear needed by
10 members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps
11 upon their initial entry into the armed forces, the Sec-
12 retary of Defense shall furnish such footwear directly to
13 the members instead of providing a cash allowance to the
14 members for the purchase of such footwear.

15 “(2) In procuring athletic footwear to comply with
16 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall comply with
17 the requirements of section 2533a of title 10, without re-
18 gard to the applicability of any simplified acquisition
19 threshold under chapter 137 of title 10 (or any other pro-
20 vision of law).

21 “(3) This subsection does not prohibit the provision
22 of a cash allowance to a member described in paragraph
23 (1) for the purchase of athletic footwear if such foot-
24 wear—

25 “(A) is medically required to meet unique phys-
26 iological needs of the member; and

1 “(B) cannot be met with athletic footwear that
2 complies with the requirements of this subsection.”.

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