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# H. R. 4997

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2019

Mrs. ROBY (for herself and Mr. JEFFRIES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Artistic Recognition  
5 for Talented Students Act” or the “ARTS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF FEES FOR WINNERS OF CERTAIN COM-**  
2 **PETITIONS.**

3 Section 708 of title 17, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(e)(1) In this subsection, the term ‘covered competi-  
7 tion’ means—

8 “(A) an art competition sponsored by the Con-  
9 gressional Institute that is open only to high school  
10 students; and

11 “(B) the competition described in section 3 of  
12 H. Res. 77, as adopted by the 113th Congress.

13 “(2) With respect to a work that wins a covered com-  
14 petition, the Register of Copyrights—

15 “(A) shall waive the requirement under sub-  
16 section (a)(1) with respect to an application for reg-  
17 istration of a copyright claim for that work if that  
18 application is filed not later than the last day of the  
19 calendar year following the year in which the work  
20 claimed by the application wins the covered competi-  
21 tion (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘covered  
22 year’); and

23 “(B) may waive the fee described in subpara-  
24 graph (A) for an application filed after the end of  
25 the covered year if the fee would have been waived

1       under that subparagraph had the application been  
2       submitted before the last day of the covered year.”.

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