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# H. R. 7953

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. TURNER, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. KELLY of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Servicemember  
5 Healthcare Freedom Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Thousands of members of reserve compo-  
4 nents and the National Guard, in addition to their  
5 military service, work for the United States Govern-  
6 ment in a civilian capacity.

7 (2) Nearly all members of the Selected Reserve  
8 and the National Guard, and their families, are enti-  
9 tled to purchase a TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS)  
10 healthcare plan as a service-related benefit.

11 (3) As of the day before the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act, eligibility for Federal Employee  
13 Health Benefits (FEHB) prohibits members of the  
14 Selected Reserve and National Guard from enrolling  
15 in Tricare Reserve Select plans.

16 (4) Removal of such prohibition for members of  
17 the Selected Reserve and the National Guard will  
18 provide continuity of care throughout mobilization  
19 cycles.

20 (5) Providing members of the Armed Forces  
21 with the ability to purchase comprehensive, low-cost  
22 health insurance increases the readiness and  
23 lethality of the Armed Forces as a whole.

1 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF EXPIRATION DATE TO ALLOW**  
2 **MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE AND**  
3 **NATIONAL GUARD, ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL**  
4 **EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS, TO ENROLL**  
5 **INTO TRICARE RESERVE SELECT AS OF JAN-**  
6 **UARY 1, 2025.**

7 Section 1076d(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,  
8 is amended by striking “January 1, 2030” and inserting  
9 “January 1, 2025”.

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