

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8553

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2022

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, and Mr. POSEY) 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 “Safeguarding Military  
5 Bonuses Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULE FOR DISCHARGES RELATED TO**  
2 **COVID-19.**

3 Section 373(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
5 graph:

6 “(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISCHARGES RELATED  
7 TO COVID-19.—The Secretary concerned shall grant  
8 to an individual involuntarily separated from an  
9 Armed Force solely on the basis of the refusal of  
10 such individual to receive a vaccination against  
11 COVID-19 an exception to the requirement to repay  
12 a bonus, incentive pay, or similar benefit under sub-  
13 section (a) if such bonus, incentive pay, or similar  
14 benefit was made before August 24, 2021.”.

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