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S. 339

To amend title 10, United States Code, to make permanent the direct hire authority of the Secretary of Defense for domestic defense industrial base facilities, the Major Range and Test Facilities Base, and the Office of the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mr. LANKFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Department of Defense
5 Improved Hiring Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MAKING PERMANENT THE DIRECT HIRE AUTHOR-**
2 **ITY FOR DOMESTIC DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL**
3 **BASE FACILITIES, THE MAJOR RANGE AND**
4 **TEST FACILITIES BASE, AND THE OFFICE OF**
5 **THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND**
6 **EVALUATION.**

7 (a) CODIFICATION OF SECTION 1125 OF FY 2017
8 NDAA.—Chapter 81 of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end a new section consisting
10 of—

11 (1) a heading as follows:

12 **“§ 1599j. Direct hire authority for domestic defense**
13 **industrial base facilities, the Major**
14 **Range and Test Facilities Base, and the**
15 **Office of the Director of Operational Test**
16 **and Evaluation”;**

17 and

18 (2) a text consisting of the text of section 1125
19 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
20 Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. 1580 note prec.).

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS IN CONNECTION
22 WITH CODIFICATION.—Section 1599j of title 10, United
23 States Code, as added by subsection (a), is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “During each of fiscal
2 years 2017 through 2025, the Secretary” and
3 inserting “The Secretary”; and

4 (B) by striking “United States Code,”; and
5 (2) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by striking “During fiscal years 2017
7 through 2021, the Secretary” and inserting
8 “The Secretary”; and

9 (B) by striking “United States Code,”.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 at the beginning of chapter 81 of such title is amended
12 by adding at the end the following new item:

“1599j. Direct hire authority for domestic defense industrial base facilities, the
Major Range and Test Facilities Base, and the Office of the
Director of Operational Test and Evaluation.”.

13 (d) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 1125 of the Na-
14 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10
15 U.S.C. 1580 note prec.) is repealed.

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