

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5867

To repeal the Military Selective Service Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER (for herself and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill;
which was 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 “End the Draft Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Since 1973, the Armed Forces have relied
8 on an all-volunteer force and do not require military
9 conscription to fill personnel requirements.

10 (2) The Selective Service System is an inde-
11 pendent Federal agency, with an annual budget of
12 approximately \$26,000,000, and is responsible for

1 maintaining a database of registrants in case a draft
2 is reinstated.

3 (3) Under current law, most men between the
4 ages of 18 and 26 who are citizens or residents of
5 the United States are required to register with the
6 Selective Service System.

7 (4) Men who fail to register with the Selective
8 Service System are subject to penalties, including
9 criminal penalties and the loss of eligibility for cer-
10 tain Federal and State benefits.

11 (5) The United States has not used the draft
12 for induction into the Armed Forces in nearly five
13 decades.

14 (6) The United States has only used conscrip-
15 tion for 35 of its 245 years of existence.

16 (7) The all-volunteer force has been used in
17 military conflicts since 1973, including Operation
18 Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Oper-
19 ation Enduring Freedom.

20 (8) The all-volunteer Armed Forces are the
21 most professional and capable military in the world.

22 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT.**

23 (a) REPEAL.—The Military Selective Service Act (50
24 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.) is repealed.

1 (b) TRANSFERS IN CONNECTION WITH REPEAL.—
2 Notwithstanding the proviso in section 10(a)(4) of the
3 Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3809(a)(4)), the
4 Office of Selective Service Records shall not be reestab-
5 lished upon the repeal of the Act. Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the assets,
7 contracts, property, and records held by the Selective
8 Service System, and the unexpended balances of any ap-
9 propriations available to the Selective Service System,
10 shall be transferred to the Administrator of General Serv-
11 ices upon the repeal of the Act. The Director of the Office
12 of Personnel Management shall assist officers and employ-
13 ees of the Selective Service System to transfer to other
14 positions in the executive branch.

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