

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5392

To amend the Military Selective Service Act to allow women to elect to register for the draft.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Mr. OWENS (for himself, Mrs. STEEL, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. STEWART, and Ms. TENNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To amend the Military Selective Service Act to allow women to elect to register for the draft.

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. AUTHORIZATION OF WOMEN TO REGISTER FOR**
4 **THE DRAFT.**

5 The Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3801
6 et seq.) is amended as follows:

7 (1) Section 3 (50 U.S.C. 3802) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new subsection:

9 “(c) A female citizen of the United States, or other
10 female person residing in the United States, who is be-

1 tween the ages described in subsection (a), may elect to
2 present herself and submit to registration pursuant to
3 such subsection.”.

4 (2) Section 4(a) (50 U.S.C. 3803(a)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (A) in the first undesignated paragraph—

7 (i) by inserting “(or who elects to reg-
8 ister)” after “every person required to reg-
9 ister”; and

10 (ii) by inserting “(or having elected to
11 register)” after “having been required to
12 register”; and

13 (B) in the second undesignated paragraph,
14 by striking “who is required to register” and in-
15 serting “who registers”.

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