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2D SESSION

# H. R. 6429

To establish certain protections for members of the Armed Forces who refuse to receive vaccinations against COVID-19, and to increase basic pay for members of the uniformed services.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 2022

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois 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. PROTECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
4 **FORCES WHO REFUSE TO RECEIVE VACCINA-**  
5 **TIONS AGAINST COVID-19.**

6 (a) PROHIBITIONS.—

1           (1) FEDERAL FUNDING.—No Federal funds  
2           may be used to require a member of the Armed  
3           Forces to receive a vaccination against COVID-19.

4           (2) ADVERSE ACTION.—The Secretary con-  
5           cerned may not take any adverse action against a  
6           member of the Armed Forces solely on the basis that  
7           such member refuses to receive a vaccination against  
8           COVID-19.

9           (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           (1) The term “adverse action” includes the fol-  
11           lowing:

12                   (A) Retaliation.

13                   (B) Punishment.

14                   (C) Disparate treatment.

15                   (D) A requirement to wear a mask.

16                   (E) A requirement to reside in sub-  
17           standard housing.

18           (2) The term “Secretary concerned” has the  
19           meaning given that term in section 101 of title 10,  
20           United States Code.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN BASIC PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
2 **UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

3       Effective on January 1, 2023, the rates of monthly  
4 basic pay for members of the uniformed services are in-  
5 creased by 2.7 percent.

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