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H. R. 7898

To direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that fire protection services at military installations comply with certain standards for Federal fire protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2022

Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. JACOBS of California, and Mr. NORCROSS) 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 “Federal Firefighters
5 Workforce Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL FIRE PRO-**
2 **TECTION AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) fire protection staffing levels for all re-
6 sponses on military installations must rigorously
7 comply with staffing benchmarks detailed in Na-
8 tional Consensus Standards developed by the Na-
9 tional Fire Protection Association; and

10 (2) fire protection is an essential service and
11 therefore, budgetary considerations should not jus-
12 tify the degradation of installation emergency serv-
13 ices.

14 (b) STANDARDS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
15 fense shall ensure that—

16 (1) members of the armed forces and employees
17 of Defense Agencies who provide fire protection serv-
18 ices to military installations shall comply with the
19 National Consensus Standards developed by the Na-
20 tional Fire Protection Association pursuant to sec-
21 tion 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and
22 Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–113; 15
23 U.S.C. 272 note);

24 (2) the minimum staffing requirement for any
25 firefighting vehicle responding to a structural build-

1 ing emergency at a military installation is not less
2 than four firefighters per vehicle; and

3 (3) the minimum staffing requirement for any
4 firefighting vehicle responding to an aircraft or air-
5 field incident at a military installation is not less
6 than three firefighters per vehicle.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The terms “armed forces” and “Defense
9 Agency” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
10 tion 101 of title 10, United States Code.

11 (2) The term “firefighter” has the meaning
12 given that term in section 707(b) of the National
13 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
14 (Pub. L. 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1074m note).

15 (3) The term “military installation” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 2801 of title 10,
17 United States Code.

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