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# H. R. 6649

To prohibit adverse action against a member of the Armed Forces who refuses to receive a vaccination against COVID–19, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROY (for himself, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. GOOD of Virginia) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Service Restoration  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
7 **FORCES WHO REFUSE TO RECEIVE VACCINA-**  
8 **TIONS AGAINST COVID–19.**

9 (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) REINSTATEMENT.—

10           (1) REQUIREMENT.—At the election of a cov-  
11           ered individual, the Secretary concerned shall rein-  
12           state such covered individual—

13                   (A) as a member of the Armed Force con-  
14                   cerned; and

15                   (B) in the grade held by such covered indi-  
16                   vidual immediately before the involuntary sepa-  
17                   ration of the covered individual.

18           (2) COMPUTATION OF RETIRED OR RETAINER  
19           PAY.—In the case of an covered individual reinstated  
20           as a member of the Armed Forces under paragraph  
21           (1), the Secretary concerned shall include, in the  
22           computation of retired or retainer pay for such cov-  
23           ered individual, the time between the involuntary  
24           separation of such covered individual and such rein-  
25           statement.

1       (c) EXPUNGEMENT.—The Secretary concerned shall  
2 expunge, from the service record of a covered individual  
3 or a member of the Armed Forces who received an adverse  
4 action solely on the basis of such member to receive a vac-  
5 cination against COVID–19, each reference to involuntary  
6 separation, or to adverse action, solely on such basis.

7       (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) The term “adverse action” includes the fol-  
9       lowing:

10               (A) Retaliation.

11               (B) Punishment.

12               (C) Disparate treatment.

13               (D) A requirement to wear a mask.

14               (E) A requirement to reside in sub-  
15       standard housing.

16           (2) The term “covered individual” means an in-  
17       dividual involuntarily separated from the Armed  
18       Forces solely on the basis of the refusal of such indi-  
19       vidual to receive a vaccination against COVID–19.

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

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