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# H. R. 5617

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Mr. EMMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 “Term Extension for  
5 AmeriCorps Members Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS.**

7 Section 139(b) of the National and Community Serv-  
8 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12593(b)) is amended by add-  
9 ing at the end the following:

1 “(5) WAIVERS FOR COMPELLING PURPOSES.—

2 “(A) EXTENSION.—A State Commission  
3 on National and Community Service for the  
4 State in which a national service program is  
5 being carried out may authorize, for compelling  
6 circumstances, an individual in an approved na-  
7 tional service position may continue a service  
8 for more than 4 terms.

9 “(B) BENEFITS.—An individual per-  
10 forming service under this paragraph may con-  
11 tinue to receive a living allowance and other  
12 benefits under section 12594 of this title but  
13 may not receive an additional national service  
14 educational award under section 12595 of this  
15 title.”.

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