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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. KING OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle J of title V of division A, add
the following new section:

1 **SEC. 598. POSTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
3 “Supply Our Soldiers Act of 2011”.

4 (b) **POSTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF**
5 **THE ARMED FORCES.**—

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in
7 consultation with the United States Postal Service,
8 shall provide for a program under which postal bene-
9 fits shall be provided to qualified individuals in ac-
10 cordance with succeeding provisions of this section.

11 (2) **QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.**—For purposes of
12 this section, the term “qualified individual” means
13 an individual who is—

14 (A) a member of the Armed Forces of the
15 United States on active duty (as defined in sec-
16 tion 101 of title 10, United States Code); and

17 (B)(i) serving in Iraq or Afghanistan; or
18 (ii) hospitalized at a facility under the ju-
19 risdiction of the Armed Forces of the United

1 States as a result of a disease or injury in-
2 curred as a result of service in Iraq or Afghani-
3 stan.

4 (3) POSTAL BENEFITS DESCRIBED.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The postal benefits
6 provided under this section shall consist of such
7 coupons or other similar evidence of credit
8 (whether in printed, electronic, or other format,
9 and hereinafter in this section referred to as
10 “vouchers”) as the Secretary of Defense (in
11 consultation with the Postal Service) shall de-
12 termine, entitling the bearer or user to make
13 qualified mailings free of postage.

14 (B) QUALIFIED MAILING.—For purposes
15 of this section, the term “qualified mailing”
16 means the mailing of a single mail piece
17 which—

18 (i) is described in clause (i) or (ii) of
19 subparagraph (C);

20 (ii) is sent from within an area served
21 by a United States post office; and

22 (iii) is addressed to a qualified indi-
23 vidual.

24 (C) MAIL DESCRIBED.—Mail described in
25 this subparagraph is—

1 (i) any first-class mail (including any
2 sound- or video-recorded communication)
3 not exceeding 13 ounces in weight and
4 having the character of personal cor-
5 respondence; and

6 (ii) parcel post not exceeding 15
7 pounds in weight.

8 (D) LIMITATIONS.—

9 (i) NUMBER.—An individual shall be
10 eligible for 1 voucher for each month in
11 which such individual is a qualified indi-
12 vidual.

13 (ii) USE.—Any such voucher may not
14 be used—

15 (I) for more than a single quali-
16 fied mailing; or

17 (II) the expiration date of such
18 voucher, as designated by the Sec-
19 retary of Defense.

20 (E) COORDINATION RULE.—Postal benefits
21 under this section shall be in addition to, and
22 not in lieu of, any reduced rates of postage or
23 other similar benefits which might otherwise be
24 available by or under law, including any rates

1 of postage resulting from the application of sec-
2 tion 3401(b) of title 39, United States Code.

3 (4) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this section, the
5 Secretary of Defense (in consultation with the Postal
6 Service) shall prescribe any regulations necessary to
7 carry out this section, including—

8 (A) procedures by which vouchers will be
9 provided or made available in timely manner to
10 persons duly identified by qualified individuals
11 to receive those vouchers; and

12 (B) procedures to ensure that the number
13 of vouchers provided or made available with re-
14 spect to any qualified individual complies with
15 paragraph (3)(D)(i).

16 (c) FUNDING.—

17 (1) FUNDING INCREASE AND OFFSETTING RE-
18 Duction.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth
19 in the funding tables in division D, to carry out this
20 section during fiscal year 2012—

21 (A) the amount authorized to be appro-
22 priated in section 301 for operation and main-
23 tenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the cor-
24 responding funding table in division D, is here-
25 by increased by \$30,000,000, with the amount

1 of the increase allocated to the Office of the
2 Secretary of Defense, as set forth in the table
3 under section 4301, to carry out this section;
4 and

5 (B) the amount authorized to be appro-
6 priated in section 1433 for the Mission Force
7 Enhancement Transfer Fund, as specified in
8 the funding table under section 4501 of division
9 D, is hereby reduced by \$30,000,000.

10 (2) TRANSFERS TO POSTAL SERVICE.—

11 (A) BASED ON ESTIMATES.—The Depart-
12 ment of Defense shall transfer to the Postal
13 Service, out of any amount so appropriated and
14 in advance of each calendar quarter during
15 which postal benefits under this section may be
16 used, an amount equal to the amount of postal
17 benefits that the Department of Defense esti-
18 mates will be used during such quarter, reduced
19 or increased (as the case may be) by any
20 amounts by which the Department finds that a
21 determination under this subsection for a prior
22 quarter was greater than or less than the
23 amount finally determined for such quarter.

24 (B) BASED ON ANNUAL DETERMINA-
25 TION.—For each of the fiscal years 2012

1 through 2015, an annual determination of the
2 amount necessary to correct any previous deter-
3 mination under this subsection during such fis-
4 cal year, and any transfer of amounts between
5 the Postal Service and the Department of De-
6 fense based on that annual determination, shall
7 be made not later than 6 months after the end
8 of such fiscal year.

9 (C) BASED ON FINAL DETERMINATION.—A
10 final determination of the amount necessary to
11 correct any previous determination under this
12 subsection, and any transfer of amounts be-
13 tween the Postal Service and the Department of
14 Defense based on that final determination, shall
15 be made not later than 6 months after the end
16 of fiscal year 2016.

17 (3) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—All estimates
18 and determinations under this subsection of the
19 amount of postal benefits under this section used in
20 any period shall be made by the Department of De-
21 fense in consultation with the Postal Service.

22 (d) DURATION.—The postal benefits under this sec-
23 tion shall apply with respect to mail matter sent during

- 1 the period beginning on October 1, 2011, and ending on
- 2 September 30, 2016.

