

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1382**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2015

Miss RICE of New York (for herself, Mr. COOK, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. KUSTER, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Boosting Rates of  
5 American Veteran Employment Act” or the “BRAVE  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREFERENCE FOR OFFERORS EMPLOYING VET-**  
2 **ERANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 81 of  
4 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after  
5 section 8128 the following new section:

6 **“§ 8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans**

7 “(a) PREFERENCE.—In awarding a contract (or task  
8 order) for the procurement of goods or services, the Sec-  
9 retary may give a preference to offerors that employ vet-  
10 erans on a full-time basis. The Secretary shall determine  
11 such preference based on the percentage of the full-time  
12 employees of the offeror who are veterans.

13 “(b) ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTEN-  
14 TATION.—(1) Any offeror that is determined by the Sec-  
15 retary to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented  
16 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror for pur-  
17 poses of subsection (a) shall be debarred from contracting  
18 with the Department for a period of not less than five  
19 years.

20 “(2) In the case of a debarment under paragraph (1),  
21 the Secretary shall commence debarment action against  
22 the offeror by not later than 30 days after determining  
23 that the offeror willfully and intentionally misrepresented  
24 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror as de-  
25 scribed in paragraph (1) and shall complete debarment ac-

1 tions against such offeror by not later than 90 days after  
2 such determination.

3 “(3) The debarment of an offeror under paragraph  
4 (1) includes the debarment of all principals in the offeror  
5 for a period of not less than five years.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
7 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
8 after the item relating to section 8128 the following new  
9 item:

“8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans.”.