

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960

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At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . EXPANSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTEC-**
2 **TION OF RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE OF MEM-**
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CHAP-**
4 **LAINS OF SUCH MEMBERS.**

5 (a) ACCOMMODATION OF MEMBERS' BELIEFS, AC-
6 TIONS, AND SPEECH.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 533
7 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
8 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1727; 10 U.S.C.
9 prec. 1030 note) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “The Armed Forces shall ac-
11 commodate the beliefs” and inserting “Except in
12 cases of military necessity, the Armed Forces shall
13 accommodate the beliefs, actions, and speech”; and

14 (2) by inserting “, actions, or speech” after
15 “such beliefs”.

16 (b) NARROW EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a)(2) of such
17 section is amended by striking “that threaten” and insert-
18 ing “that actually harm”.

1 (c) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS; CONSULTA-
2 TION.—The implementation regulations required by sub-
3 section (c) of such section shall be issued not later than
4 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. In
5 preparing such regulations, the Secretary of Defense shall
6 consult with the official military faith-group representa-
7 tives who endorse military chaplains.

