

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. ALFORD OF MISSOURI

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . REINSTATEMENT AND BACK PAY FOR CERTAIN**
2 **MEMBERS INVOLUNTARILY SEPARATED ON**
3 **THE SOLE BASIS OF REFUSING TO RECEIVE A**
4 **VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19.**

5 (a) REINSTATEMENT.—Not later than September 30,
6 2026, Secretary of Defense shall reinstate a covered indi-
7 vidual as a member of the covered Armed Force concerned
8 in the grade such covered individual held when the covered
9 individual was separated from such covered Armed Force.

10 (b) BACK PAY.—A covered individual shall be entitled
11 to back pay for the period between the separation of the
12 covered individual from a covered Armed Force and rein-
13 statement under subsection (a).

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections 525, 526,
15 and 527 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
16 Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) are repealed.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “covered individual” means an in-
19 dividual involuntarily separated from a covered

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1 Armed Force on the sole basis of refusing to receive
2 a vaccination against COVID-19.

3 (2) The term “covered Armed Force” means
4 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
5 Force.

