AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4563

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Insert after title VI the following (and redesignate the succeeding provisions accordingly):

TITLE VII—VOTE BY MAIL OP-PORTUNITIES FOR FIRST RE-2 **SPONDERS** 3 SEC. 701. PROVIDING VOTE BY MAIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 5 FIRST RESPONDERS. 6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following: 7 (1) First responders risk their personal safety, 8 and sometimes their lives, to protect the American 9 public. 10 (2) First responders work extremely long hours 11 on behalf of the American public, including on week-12 ends, public holidays, and Election Day. 13 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Subtitle A of title III of the 14 Help America Vote Act of 2002, as amended by sections 15 125(a) and 126(c), is amended— 16 (1) by redesignating sections 306 and 307 as 17 sections 307 and 308; and 18 (2) by inserting after section 305 the following 19 new section:

1	"SEC. 306. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO VOTING BY
2	MAIL FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.
3	"(a) In General.—If a registered or otherwise cer-
4	tified active duty first responder in a State is eligible to
5	cast a vote in an election for Federal office in the State,
6	the State may not impose any additional conditions or re-
7	quirements on the eligibility of the first responder to cast
8	a vote in such election by absentee ballot by mail.
9	"(b) First Responder Defined.—In this section,
10	the term 'first responder' has the meaning given the term
11	in section 3025 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
12	Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10705).".
13	(c) Conforming Amendment Relating to En-
14	FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C.
15	21111), as amended by sections 125(c) and 126(d), is
16	amended by striking "and 305" and inserting "305, and
17	306".
18	(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19	of such Act, as amended by sections 125(d) and 126(e),
20	is amended—
21	(1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
22	tions 306 and 307 as relating to sections 307 and
23	308; and
24	(2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
25	tion 305 the following:

"Sec. 306. Requirements with respect to voting by mail for first responders".

- 1 (e) Effective Date.—This section and the amend-
- 2 ments made by this section shall apply with respect to any
- 3 election for Federal office held on or after the date of the
- 4 enactment of this Act.

