## **AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4563**

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

1	TITLE VII—VOTE BY MAIL OP-
2	PORTUNITIES FOR LAW EN-
3	FORCEMENT OFFICERS
4	SEC. 701. PROVIDING VOTE BY MAIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
5	LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
6	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
7	(1) Law enforcement officers risk their personal
8	safety, and sometimes their lives, to protect the
9	American public.
10	(2) Law enforcement officers work extremely
11	long hours on behalf of the American public, includ-
12	ing on weekends, 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 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. 3 "(a) IN GENERAL.—If a registered or otherwise certified active duty law enforcement officer in a State is eli-4 5 gible to cast a vote in an election for Federal office in the State, the State may not impose any additional condi-7 tions or requirements on the eligibility of the law enforcement officer to cast a vote in such election by absentee ballot by mail. 9 10 "(b) Law Enforcement Officer Defined.—In this section, the term 'law enforcement officer' means any 11 officer of the United States, the District of Columbia, a 12 13 State, or political subdivision of a State, who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of, or make arrests because of, offenses against the United States, the District of Columbia, a State, or a political subdivision of a State.". 17 18 (c) Conforming Amendment Relating to En-19 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20 21111), as amended by sections 125(c) and 126(d), is 21 amended by striking "and 305" and inserting "305, and 22 306". (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents 23 of such Act, as amended by sections 125(d) and 126(e), 25 is amended—

1	(1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
2	tions 306 and 307 as relating to sections 307 and
3	308; and
4	(2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
5	tion 305 the following:
	"Sec. 306. Requirements with respect to voting by mail for law enforcement of-ficers".
6	(e) Effective Date.—This section and the amend-
7	ments made by this section shall apply with respect to any
8	election for Federal office held on or after the date of the
9	enactment of this Act.

