

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 472  
OFFERED BY Ms. [Brownley](#)**

Add at the end of the bill the following:

**1 SEC. 5. INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE**  
**2 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

**3 (a) IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any provision of  
**4 this Act, any amendment made by this Act, or section 713**  
**5 or 714 of title 38, United States Code, in the case of a**  
**6 covered employee—**

**7 (1) this Act and the amendments made by this**  
**8 Act shall not apply;**

**9 (2) such employee shall be exempt from separa-**  
**10 tion due to any reduction in force that occurs before**  
**11 January 20, 2029; and**

**12 (3) such employee shall be exempt from any**  
**13 limitation, imposed by an executive order, memo-**  
**14 randum, or other presidential directive, on hiring ex-**  
**15 ecutive branch Federal civilian employees that is**  
**16 issued before January 20, 2029.**

**17 (b) COVERED EMPLOYEE.**—In this section, a covered  
**18 employee is an individual who is employed by the Depart-**

1 ment of Veterans Affairs as a medical support assistant

2 or a psychologist.

