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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SELF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO RECOUP AWARDS, BONUSES,**
2 **AND RELOCATION EXPENSES PAID TO**
3 **FORMER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS EMPLOYEES UNDER CERTAIN CONDI-**
5 **TIONS.**

6 (a) AWARDS AND BONUSES.—Section 721 of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or a
9 former employee of the Department,” after “an em-
10 ployee of the Department”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(c) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT FROM FORMER EM-
14 PLOYEES.—(1) If the Director upholds an order of the
15 Secretary under subsection (a) with respect to an indi-
16 vidual who is a former employee of the Department, and
17 such individual does not repay the amount of the award
18 or bonus subject to the order within 180 days after the
19 date of the final decision of the Director under subsection
20 (b) with respect to the order, the Secretary may recover
21 such amount from the former employee in the same man-
22 ner as any other debt due to the United States.

23 “(2) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to
24 permit the Secretary to waive the recovery of such amount
25 under section 5302 of this title.”.

1 (b) RELOCATION EXPENSES.—Section 723 of such
2 title is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or a
4 former employee of the Department,” after “an em-
5 ployee of the Department”; and

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14 date of the final decision of the Director under subsection
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16 such amount from the former employee in the same man-
17 ner as any other debt due to the United States.

18 “(2) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to
19 permit the Secretary to waive the recovery of such amount
20 under section 5302 of this title.”.