

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit the downgrading of law enforcement positions in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “\_\_\_\_\_ Act  
5 of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DOWNGRADING OF LAW EN-**  
7 **FORCEMENT POSITIONS IN THE DEPART-**  
8 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION.—No official in the Department of  
10 Veterans Affairs, the Office of Personnel Management, or

1 any other department or agency may propose, initiate, or  
2 carry out a position downgrade for any covered VA posi-  
3 tion, and no federal funds may be used to propose, initiate,  
4 or carry out a position downgrade for any such position.

5 (b) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—Any position  
6 downgrade for a covered VA position proposed, initiated,  
7 or carried out during the period beginning October 1,  
8 2025, and ending on the date of the enactment of this  
9 Act shall have no force or effect. Any such position sub-  
10 jected to a position downgrade during this period shall be  
11 returned to the status it had prior to the position down-  
12 grade. Any employee occupying such a position shall re-  
13 ceive all pay to which they otherwise would have been enti-  
14 tled.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

16 (1) The term “covered VA position” means a  
17 position carrying out law enforcement functions  
18 within the Department of Veterans Affairs, whether  
19 permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time, or inter-  
20 mittent, and without regard to the source of funding  
21 for the position.

22 (2) the term “position downgrade” means a  
23 consistency review, incumbent-only review, or other  
24 classification action taken by the Office of Personnel  
25 Management or any other department or agency

1       pursuant to chapter 51 of title 5, United States  
2       Code, or similar authority, that may result in a loss  
3       of grade or pay associated with a position or set of  
4       positions, without regard to whether an employee oc-  
5       cupying such a position is entitled to or otherwise  
6       provided with retained grade or pay.