

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1382
OFFERED BY MISS RICE OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Boosting Rates of
3 American Veteran Employment Act” or the “BRAVE
4 Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. PREFERENCE FOR OFFERORS EMPLOYING VET-
6 ERANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 81 of
8 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after
9 section 8128 the following new section:

10 “§ 8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans

11 “(a) PREFERENCE.—In awarding a contract (or task
12 order) for the procurement of goods or services, the Sec-
13 retary may give a preference to offerors that employ vet-
14 erans on a full-time basis. The Secretary shall determine
15 such preference based on the percentage of the full-time
16 employees of the offeror who are veterans.

17 “(b) ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION.—(1) Any offeror that is determined by the Sec-
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1 retary to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented
2 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror for pur-
3 poses of subsection (a) shall be debarred from contracting
4 with the Department for a period of not less than five
5 years.

6 “(2) In the case of a debarment under paragraph (1),
7 the Secretary shall commence debarment action against
8 the offeror by not later than 30 days after determining
9 that the offeror willfully and intentionally misrepresented
10 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror as de-
11 scribed in paragraph (1) and shall complete debarment ac-
12 tions against such offeror by not later than 90 days after
13 such determination.

14 “(3) The debarment of an offeror under paragraph
15 (1) includes the debarment of all principals in the offeror
16 for a period of not less than five years.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
18 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
19 after the item relating to section 8128 the following new
20 item:

“8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans.”.

