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# H. R. 3695

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, and Mr. PIERLUISI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. ACADEMY NOMINATIONS.**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Subsection (a) of section 182 of  
5 title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
6 lows:

7 “(a) NOMINATIONS.—

8 “(1) CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS.—

1           “(A) APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENT.—Half  
2 of each incoming class of the Academy shall be  
3 composed of cadets nominated by the following:

4           “(i) The Vice President or, if there is  
5 no Vice President, by the President pro  
6 tempore of the Senate.

7           “(ii) A Senator.

8           “(iii) A Member of the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives.

10           “(iv) The Delegate to the Congress  
11 from the District of Columbia, the Dele-  
12 gate to Congress from the Virgin Islands,  
13 the Resident Commissioner from Puerto  
14 Rico, the Delegate to Congress from  
15 Guam, the Delegate to Congress from  
16 American Samoa, or the Resident Rep-  
17 resentative from the Commonwealth of the  
18 Northern Mariana Islands.

19           “(B) NOMINEES.—Each Senator, Member  
20 of the House of Representative, and Delegate to  
21 Congress, including such Resident Commis-  
22 sioner and such Resident Representative, is en-  
23 titled to nominate 3 persons each year. Cadets  
24 who do not graduate on time shall not count

1           against the allocations pursuant to clauses (i)  
2           through (iv) of subparagraph (A).

3           “(2) QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An in-  
4           dividual shall be qualified for nomination, selection,  
5           and appointment as a cadet at the Academy only if  
6           the individual—

7                     “(A) is a citizen or national of the United  
8                     States; and

9                     “(B) meets such minimum requirements  
10                    that the Secretary may establish.

11           “(3) NOMINATION INFORMATION.—The Super-  
12           intendent shall furnish to any Member of Congress,  
13           upon the written request of such Member, the name  
14           of the Congressman or other nominating authority  
15           responsible for the nomination of any named or  
16           identified person for appointment to the Academy.”.

17           (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-  
18           section (a)—

19                     (1) shall apply beginning with academic pro-  
20                     gram year 2013, subject to subsection (c), and with  
21                     respect to each academic program year thereafter;  
22                     and

23                     (2) shall not affect the application of section  
24                     182 of title 14, United States Code, as in effect be-  
25                     fore the enactment of this section, with respect to

1 appointment of cadets who will matriculate to the  
2 Coast Guard Academy before such academic pro-  
3 gram year.

4 (c) TRANSITION.—

5 (1) NOMINATIONS.—Notwithstanding the  
6 amendment made by subsection (a), with respect to  
7 the nomination of individuals pursuant to section  
8 182 of title 14, United States Code, as amended by  
9 such subsection, who will matriculate to the Coast  
10 Guard Academy in academic program year 2013,  
11 not less than 25 percent of the class shall be from  
12 nominations made pursuant to clauses (i) through  
13 (iv) of subsection (a)(1)(A) of such section 182 (as  
14 amended by subsection (a) of this section).

15 (2) ADDITIONAL ACTION.—The Secretary (as  
16 that term is used in that section) may take any ad-  
17 ditional action the Secretary believes necessary and  
18 proper to provide for the transition to the nomina-  
19 tion, selection, and appointment process provided  
20 under this section.

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