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H. R. 7289

To direct the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency to carry out a pilot program for temporary issuance of maternity-related uniform items to pregnant members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2020

Ms. HAALAND (for herself, Mr. WALTZ, and Ms. HOULAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Rent the Camo: Access
5 to Maternity Wear Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR TEMPORARY ISSUANCE OF**
2 **MATERNITY-RELATED UNIFORM ITEMS.**

3 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Director of the Defense
4 Logistics Agency, in coordination with the Secretaries con-
5 cerned, shall carry out a pilot program under which each
6 Secretary concerned shall establish an office for issuing
7 maternity-related uniform items to pregnant members of
8 the Armed Forces, on a temporary basis and at no cost
9 to such member. In carrying out the pilot program, the
10 Director shall take the following actions:

11 (1) The Director shall ensure that such offices
12 maintain a stock of each type of maternity-related
13 uniform item determined necessary by the Secretary
14 concerned, including service uniforms items, utility
15 uniform items, and other items relating to the com-
16 mand and duty assignment of the member requiring
17 issuance.

18 (2) The Director shall ensure that such items
19 have not been treated with the chemical permethrin.

20 (3) The Director, in coordination with the Sec-
21 retary concerned, shall determine a standard number
22 of maternity-related uniform items that may be
23 issued per member.

24 (4) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that
25 any member receiving a maternity-related uniform
26 item returns such item to the relevant office estab-

1 lished under paragraph (1) on the date on which the
2 Secretary concerned determines the member no
3 longer requires such item.

4 (5) The Secretary concerned shall inspect, proc-
5 ess, repair, clean, and re-stock items returned by a
6 member pursuant to paragraph (4) for re-issuance
7 from such relevant office.

8 (6) The Director, in coordination with the Sec-
9 retaries concerned, may issue such guidance and
10 regulations as necessary to carry out the pilot pro-
11 gram.

12 (b) TERMINATION.—No maternity-related uniform
13 items may be issued to a member of the Armed Forces
14 under the pilot program after September 30, 2026.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2025,
16 the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, in coordina-
17 tion with the Secretaries concerned, shall submit to the
18 congressional defense committees a report on the pilot
19 program. Such report shall include each of the following:

20 (1) For each year during which the pilot pro-
21 gram was carried out, the number of members of the
22 Armed Forces who received a maternity-related uni-
23 form item under the pilot program.

24 (2) An overview of the costs associated with,
25 and any savings realized by, the pilot program, in-

1 including a comparison of the cost of maintaining a
2 stock of maternity-related uniform items for
3 issuance under the pilot program versus the cost of
4 providing allowances to members for purchasing
5 such items.

6 (3) A recommendation on whether the pilot pro-
7 gram should be extended after the date of termi-
8 nation under subsection (b) and whether legislation
9 is necessary for such extension.

10 (4) Any other matters that the Secretary of De-
11 fense determines appropriate.

12 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
13 amounts authorized to be appropriated for operation and
14 maintenance, Defense-wide, for fiscal year 2021,
15 \$10,000,000 shall be available for implementation of the
16 pilot program.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “con-
18 gressional defense committees” and “Secretary con-
19 cerned” have the meaning given those terms in section
20 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

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