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S. 349

To amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Military Spouse Em-
5 ployment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT OF MILITARY SPOUSES.**

7 Section 3330d of title 5, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
3 paragraph (4);

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
5 following:

6 “(3) The term ‘remote work’ refers to a par-
7 ticular type of telework under which an employee is
8 not expected to report to an officially established
9 agency location on a regular and recurring basis.”;
10 and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(5) The term ‘telework’ has the meaning given
13 the term in section 6501.”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at
16 the end;

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
18 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3) a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces
21 on active duty, or a spouse of a disabled or deceased
22 member of the Armed Forces, to a position in which
23 the spouse will engage in remote work.”; and

- 1 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “subsection
- 2 (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (a)(4)”.

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