

**AMENDMENT TO**  
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**OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle A of title I of division A, add the following:

1 **SEC. 104. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT INDIVID-**  
2 **UALS TO FEDERAL FIREFIGHTING AND FIRE-**  
3 **FIIGHTING SUPPORT POSITIONS IN THE FOR-**  
4 **EST SERVICE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE**  
5 **INTERIOR.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 96 of title 5, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 9603. Direct hire authority to appoint individuals**  
10 **to Federal firefighting and firefighting**  
11 **support positions in Forest Service and**  
12 **Department of the Interior**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
14 and the Secretary of Interior may appoint, without regard  
15 to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 (other than  
16 sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter), qualified can-  
17 didates to any position described in subsection (b) in the

1 Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, respec-  
2 tively.

3 “(b) POSITIONS.—A position described in this sub-  
4 section is any Federal wildland and structural firefighting  
5 position, or any position in support of such firefighting  
6 position, within any of the following occupational series  
7 (or any successor series):

8 “(1) Forestry Technician Series, GS–0462.

9 “(2) Aircraft Operation Series, GS–2181.

10 “(3) Miscellaneous Administration and Pro-  
11 gram Series, GS–0301.

12 “(4) General Natural Resources Management  
13 and Biological Sciences Series, GS–0401.

14 “(5) Aviation Management Specialist Series,  
15 GS–2101.

16 “(6) Engineering Equipment Operator, WG–  
17 5716.

18 “(7) Dispatching Series, GS–2151.

19 “(8) Equipment Specialist, GS–1670.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
21 for such chapter is amended by adding after the item re-  
22 lating to section 9602 the following:

“9603. Direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal firefighting and  
firefighting support positions in Forest Service and Depart-  
ment of the Interior.”.

