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At the end of subtitle C of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. REPORT ON WAIVERED RECRUITS.

(a) Sense of Congress on Waiver System to Reapply for Enlistment Following a Positive Tetrahydrocannabinol Toxicology Test.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Departments of the Army and the Navy have taken positive steps in their work to design and implement a waiver system that permits potential enlistees into the Armed Forces to reapply for enlistment following a positive toxicology test for tetrahydrocannabinol;

(2) given the ongoing recruitment and retention challenges undermining the Armed Forces readiness goals, the Departments of the Air Force, Space Force, and Marine Corps should develop and implement their own permanent waiver system commensurate with the process employed by the Army and Navy;
(3) the lack of a unified, service-wide definition of the waiver process may deter potential recruits from enlisting in the Armed Forces; and

(4) the Air Force, Space Force, and Marine Corps should establish permanent waiver programs.

(b) Waivered Recruits Reporting Requirement.—No later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes a plan to create, disseminate, and use a clear definition that highlights that all waivered recruits are qualified and eligible to enlist in the Armed Forces, even if they do not meet every enlistment standard, and that existing standards of enlistment allow for waivers.