

**AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subtitle J of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATION OATH FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATION OATH.—Sec-
4 tion 502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
6 section (c) and, in such subsection, by striking “The
7 oath” and inserting “An oath established by this
8 section”; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection (b):

11 “(b) SEPARATION OATH.—Prior to retirement or
12 other separation from the armed forces, other than sepa-
13 ration pursuant to the sentence of a court-martial, a mem-
14 ber of an armed force may take the following oath:

15 “I, _____, recog-
16 nizing that my oath to support and defend the Con-
17 stitution of the United States against all enemies,
18 foreign and domestic, has involved me and my fellow
19 members in experiences that few persons, other than

1 our peers, can understand, do solemnly swear (or af-
2 firm) to continue to be the keeper of my brothers-
3 and sisters-in-arms and protector of the United
4 States and the Constitution; to preserve the values
5 I have learned; to maintain my body and my mind;
6 to give help to, and seek help from, my fellow vet-
7 erans; and to not bring harm to myself or others. I
8 take this oath freely and without purpose of evasion,
9 so help me God.’”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section
12 502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 **“§ 502. Enlistment oath and separation oath: who**
15 **may administer”.**

16 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
17 at the beginning of chapter 31 of title 10, United
18 States Code, is amended by striking the item relat-
19 ing to section 502 and inserting the following new
20 item:

“502. Enlistment oath and separation oath: who may administer.”.

