

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

1 SEC. 11___. BACK PAY FOR REINSTATED EMPLOYEES OF
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

3 (a) BACK PAY.—Any individual who was an employee
4 of the Department of Veterans Affairs (including employ-
5 ees who were serving under a probationary or trial period
6 due to a promotion) and who was involuntarily removed
7 and subsequently reinstated or appointed to a position at
8 the Department during the period beginning on January
9 20, 2025, and ending on the date of the enactment of this
10 Act shall be entitled to back pay in accordance with sec-
11 tion 5596 of title 5, United States Code.

12 (b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
13 any individual removed from a political position.

14 (c) POLITICAL POSITION DEFINED.—In this section,
15 the term “political position” means—

16 (1) a position described under sections 5312
17 through 5316 of title 5, United States Code (relat-
18 ing to the Executive Schedule);

1 (2) a noncareer appointee (as that term is de-
2 fined in section 3132(a) of such title); or

3 (3) a position in the executive branch of the
4 Government of a confidential or policy-determining
5 character under schedule C of subpart C of part 213
6 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.

