

AMENDMENT

TO H.R.

1968

OFFERED BY Mr. Takano

Add at the end of the bill the following:

**1 REINSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OF PERMA-
2 NENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS
3 EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-
4 ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each covered em-
6 ployee the Secretary of Veterans Affairs removed from em-
7 ployment during the period beginning on January 20,
8 2025, and ending on the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary shall, notwithstanding sections 713 and
10 714 of title 38, United States Code—

11 (1) reinstate the employment of such covered
12 employee;

13 (2) place such covered employee in the same po-
14 sition such covered employee occupied on the date
15 that is one day before the date of such removal;

16 (3) exempt such employee from the provisions
17 of this Act and the amendments made by this Act;
18 and

1 (4) exempt such employee from separation due
2 to any reduction in force that occurs before January
3 20, 2029.

4 (b) COVERED EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this section,
5 the term “covered employee” means an employee of the
6 Department of Veterans Affairs who is has a service-con-
7 nected disability rated as permanent and total.

