

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. KING OF NEW YORK

At the end of subtitle J of title V of division A, add
the following new section:

1 SEC. 598. POSTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM.

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
3 “Supply Our Soldiers Act of 2011”.

4 (b) **POSTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF**
5 **THE ARMED FORCES.**—

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in
7 consultation with the United States Postal Service,
8 shall provide for a program under which postal bene-
9 fits shall be provided to qualified individuals in ac-
10 cordance with succeeding provisions of this section.

11 (2) **QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.**—For purposes of
12 this section, the term “qualified individual” means
13 an individual who is—

14 (A) a member of the Armed Forces of the
15 United States on active duty (as defined in sec-
16 tion 101 of title 10, United States Code); and

17 (B)(i) serving in Iraq or Afghanistan; or

18 (ii) hospitalized at a facility under the ju-
19 risdiction of the Armed Forces of the United

1 States as a result of a disease or injury in-
2 curred as a result of service in Iraq or Afghani-
3 stan.

4 (3) POSTAL BENEFITS DESCRIBED.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The postal benefits
6 provided under this section shall consist of such
7 coupons or other similar evidence of credit
8 (whether in printed, electronic, or other format,
9 and hereinafter in this section referred to as
10 “vouchers”) as the Secretary of Defense (in
11 consultation with the Postal Service) shall de-
12 termine, entitling the bearer or user to make
13 qualified mailings free of postage.

14 (B) QUALIFIED MAILING.—For purposes
15 of this section, the term “qualified mailing”
16 means the mailing of a single mail piece
17 which—

18 (i) is described in clause (i) or (ii) of
19 subparagraph (C);

20 (ii) is sent from within an area served
21 by a United States post office; and

22 (iii) is addressed to a qualified indi-
23 vidual.

24 (C) MAIL DESCRIBED.—Mail described in
25 this subparagraph is—

1 (i) any first-class mail (including any
2 sound- or video-recorded communication)
3 not exceeding 13 ounces in weight and
4 having the character of personal cor-
5 respondence; and

6 (ii) parcel post not exceeding 15
7 pounds in weight.

8 (D) LIMITATIONS.—

9 (i) NUMBER.—An individual shall be
10 eligible for one voucher for each two-month
11 period in which such individual is a quali-
12 fied individual.

13 (ii) USE.—Any such voucher may not
14 be used—

15 (I) for more than a single quali-
16 fied mailing; or

17 (II) after the expiration date of
18 such voucher, as designated by the
19 Secretary of Defense.

20 (E) COORDINATION RULE.—Postal benefits
21 under this section shall be in addition to, and
22 not in lieu of, any reduced rates of postage or
23 other similar benefits which might otherwise be
24 available by or under law, including any rates

1 of postage resulting from the application of sec-
2 tion 3401(b) of title 39, United States Code.

3 (4) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this section, the
5 Secretary of Defense (in consultation with the Postal
6 Service) shall prescribe any regulations necessary to
7 carry out this section, including—

8 (A) procedures by which vouchers will be
9 provided or made available in timely manner to
10 persons duly identified by qualified individuals
11 to receive those vouchers; and

12 (B) procedures to ensure that the number
13 of vouchers provided or made available with re-
14 spect to any qualified individual complies with
15 paragraph (3)(D)(i).

16 (c) FUNDING.—

17 (1) FUNDING INCREASE AND OFFSETTING RE-
18 DUCTION.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth
19 in the funding tables in division D, to carry out this
20 section during fiscal year 2012—

21 (A) the amount authorized to be appro-
22 priated in section 301 for operation and main-
23 tenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the cor-
24 responding funding table in division D, is here-
25 by increased by \$12,000,000, with the amount

1 of the increase allocated to the Office of the
2 Secretary of Defense, as set forth in the table
3 under section 4301, to carry out this section;
4 and

5 (B) the amount authorized to be appro-
6 priated in section 101 for other procurement,
7 Army, as specified in the corresponding funding
8 table of division D, is hereby reduced by
9 \$12,000,000 with the amount of the reduction
10 to be derived from the Joint Tactical Radio
11 System, Ground Mobile Radio Program under
12 Line 039 Joint Tactical Radio System as set
13 forth in the table under section 4101.

14 (2) TRANSFERS TO POSTAL SERVICE.—

15 (A) BASED ON ESTIMATES.—The Depart-
16 ment of Defense shall transfer to the Postal
17 Service, out of any amount so appropriated and
18 in advance of each calendar quarter for fiscal
19 year 2012 beginning on or after January 1,
20 2012, and during which postal benefits under
21 this section may be used, an amount equal to
22 the amount of postal benefits that the Depart-
23 ment of Defense estimates will be used during
24 such quarter, reduced or increased (as the case
25 may be) by any amounts by which the Depart-

1 ment finds that a determination under this sub-
2 section for a prior quarter was greater than or
3 less than the amount finally determined for
4 such quarter.

5 (B) BASED ON FINAL DETERMINATION.—

6 A final determination of the amount necessary
7 to correct any previous determination under
8 this subsection, and any transfer of amounts
9 between the Postal Service and the Department
10 of Defense based on that final determination,
11 shall be made not later than six months after
12 the end of fiscal year 2012.

13 (3) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—All estimates
14 and determinations under this subsection of the
15 amount of postal benefits under this section used in
16 any period shall be made by the Department of De-
17 fense in consultation with the Postal Service.

18 (d) DURATION.—The postal benefits under this sec-
19 tion shall apply with respect to mail matter sent during
20 the period beginning on October 1, 2011, and ending on
21 September 30, 2012.

