

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 773

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to exempt the Department of Defense from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration pursuant to section 251A.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2013

Mr. FORBES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXEMPTION FROM**

4 **SECTION 251A SEQUESTRATION.**

5 (a) CALCULATION OF TOTAL DEFICIT REDUC-
6 TION.—Paragraph (3) of section 251A of the Balanced
7 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is
8 amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “\$1,200,000,000,000” and inserting
3 “\$600,000,000,000”; and

4 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking
5 “\$24,000,000,000” and inserting
6 “\$12,000,000,000”.

7 (b) ALLOCATION TO FUNCTIONS.—Paragraph (4) of
8 section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-
9 icit Control Act of 1985 is amended to read as follows:

10 “(4) ALLOCATION TO FUNCTIONS.—On Janu-
11 ary 2, 2013, for fiscal year 2013, and in its seques-
12 tration preview report for fiscal years 2014 through
13 2021 pursuant to section 254(c), OMB shall allocate
14 the total reduction calculated pursuant to paragraph
15 (3) for that year to discretionary appropriations and
16 direct spending accounts in all non-defense func-
17 tions.”.

18 (c) DEFENSE FUNCTION REDUCTION.—Paragraph
19 (5) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
20 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is repealed.

21 (d) IMPLEMENTING DISCRETIONARY REDUCTIONS.—
22 (1) Paragraph (7)(A) of section 251A of the Balanced
23 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is
24 amended by striking “achieve—” and inserting “achieve”,

1 by striking clause (i), and by striking “(ii)” and moving
2 such text 2 ems to the left.

3 (2) Paragraph (7)(B) of section 251A of such Act
4 is amended by striking “achieve—” and inserting
5 “achieve”, by striking clause (i), and by striking “(ii)” and
6 moving such text 2 ems to the left.

7 (e) IMPLEMENTING DIRECT SPENDING REDUC-
8 TIONS.—The first sentence of paragraph (8) of section
9 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
10 Control Act of 1985 is amended by striking “paragraphs
11 (5) and (6)” and inserting “paragraph (6)”.

12 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

13 Section 901(e) of American Taxpayer Relief Act of
14 2012 is amended by striking “251A(5)(A), 251A(6)(A),
15 and 251A(7)(A),” and inserting “251A(6)(A) and
16 251A(7)(A),”.

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