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# S. 4092

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MCSALLY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Support Our Military  
5 Working Dogs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROVISION OF VETERI-**  
2 **NARY CARE FOR RETIRED MILITARY WORK-**  
3 **ING DOGS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 994 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a);

7 (A) by striking “establish and maintain a  
8 system to”;

9 (B) by striking “for the veterinary care of”  
10 and inserting “veterinary care for”; and

11 (C) by striking the second sentence;

12 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “that the  
13 Secretary of the military department concerned de-  
14 termines is suitable for adoption or is” before  
15 “adopted”; and

16 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “the system  
17 authorized by”.

18 (b) MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER ENTI-  
19 TIES.—Such section is further amended by adding at the  
20 end the following new subsection:

21 “(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATED FUNDS.—

22 (1) The Secretary of Defense may accept donations of  
23 funds, gifts, and in-kind contributions for the purpose of  
24 providing long-term care for any military working dog  
25 adopted under section 2583 of this title. Any amount so

1 accepted shall be available without further appropriation  
2 and without fiscal year limitation.

3 “(2) The Secretary of Defense may enter into a  
4 multi-year agreement with a veterans service organization  
5 or appropriate nonprofit entity under which—

6 “(A) the organization or entity may solicit and  
7 accept donations of funds on behalf of the Depart-  
8 ment of Defense pursuant to paragraph (1); and

9 “(B) the organization or entity agrees to trans-  
10 fer any funds accepted pursuant to such an agree-  
11 ment to the Department of Defense.

12 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘veterans service or-  
13 ganization’ means an organization recognized by the Sec-  
14 retary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of vet-  
15 erans under section 5902 of title 38.”.

16 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON CHARGE FOR ADOPTION OF MILI-  
17 TARY ANIMALS.**

18 Section 2583(d) of title 10, United States Code, is  
19 amended by striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

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