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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JACKSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT AND REIMBURSE-**  
4 **MENT BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF EX-**  
5 **PENSES RELATING TO ABORTION SERVICES.**

6 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
7 gress that—

1           (1) consistent with section 1093 of title 10,  
2           United States Code, the Department of Defense may  
3           not use any funds for abortions except where the life  
4           of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were  
5           carried to term or in a case in which the pregnancy  
6           is the result of an act of rape or incest;

7           (2) the Secretary of Defense has no legal au-  
8           thority to implement any policies in which funds are  
9           to be used for such purpose; and

10          (3) the Department of Defense Memorandum  
11          titled “Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health  
12          Care”, dated October 20, 2022, is therefore unlawful  
13          and must be rescinded.

14          (b) REPEAL OF MEMORANDUM.—

15           (1) REPEAL.—The Department of Defense  
16           memorandum titled “Ensuring Access to Reproduc-  
17           tive Health Care”, dated October 20, 2022, shall  
18           have no force or effect.

19           (2) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS  
20           TO CARRY OUT MEMORANDUM.— No funds may be  
21           obligated or expended to carry out the memorandum  
22           specified in paragraph (1) or any successor to such  
23           memorandum.

1           (c) PROHIBITION.—Section 1093 of title 10, United  
2 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
3 lowing new subsection:

4           “(c) PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OR REIMBURSE-  
5 MENT OF CERTAIN FEES.—(1) The Secretary of Defense  
6 may not pay for or reimburse any fees or expenses, includ-  
7 ing travel expenses, relating to a health-care professional  
8 gaining a license in a State if the purpose of gaining such  
9 license is to provide abortion services.

10          “(2) In this subsection:

11               “(A) The term ‘health-care professional’ means  
12 a member of the armed forces, civilian employee of  
13 the Department of Defense, personal services con-  
14 tractor under section 1091 of this title, or other in-  
15 dividual who provides health care at a military med-  
16 ical treatment facility.

17               “(B) The term ‘license’ has the meaning given  
18 that term in section 1094 of this title.”.