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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reserve Medical Offi-  
5 cer Parity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO DEFER MANDATORY SEPARATION**  
2 **AT AGE 68 OF OFFICERS IN MEDICAL SPE-**  
3 **CIALTIES IN THE RESERVE COMPONENTS OF**  
4 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 Section 14703(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “An” and inserting “(1) Subject  
8 to paragraph (2), an”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph (2):

11 “(2) The Secretary concerned may, with the consent  
12 of the officer, retain in an active status an officer in a  
13 medical specialty described in subsection (a) beyond the  
14 date described in paragraph (1) of this subsection if the  
15 Secretary concerned determines that such retention is nec-  
16 essary to the military department concerned. Each such  
17 retention shall be made on a case-by-case basis and for  
18 such period as the Secretary concerned determines appro-  
19 priate.”.