

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1442

To extend the period of eligibility for non-competitive appointment of Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers and certain overseas employees, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2017

Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Public Service Federal  
5 Eligibility Protection Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR NON-COMPETI-**  
2 **TIVE APPOINTMENT OF PEACE CORPS AND**  
3 **VISTA VOLUNTEERS AND CERTAIN OVERSEAS**  
4 **EMPLOYEES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other law,  
6 rule, or regulation, the eligibility for non-competitive ap-  
7 pointment of any individual provided under Executive  
8 Order 11103 (relating to non-competitive appointment of  
9 eligible Peace Corps volunteers) or Executive Order 12721  
10 (relating to non-competitive appointment of certain over-  
11 seas employees) or a VISTA volunteer under title I of the  
12 Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951  
13 et seq.) shall be extended by an amount of days (if any)  
14 equal to the number of days that such eligibility coincides  
15 with any Federal hiring freeze.

16 (b) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL HIRING FREEZE.—In  
17 this section, the term “Federal hiring freeze” means the  
18 memorandum titled “Presidential Memorandum Regard-  
19 ing the Hiring Freeze” published on January 23, 2017,  
20 or any other substantially similar memorandum, Executive  
21 order, or other action by the President to prevent a de-  
22 partment or agency of the Federal Government from fill-  
23 ing vacant Federal civilian employee positions or creating  
24 new such positions.

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