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H. R. 1162

To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Science Prize Competi-
5 tions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

7 Section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Inno-
8 vation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) by inserting “competition” after “sec-
2 tion, a prize”;

3 (B) by inserting “types” after “following”;
4 and

5 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “prizes”
6 and inserting “prize competitions”;

7 (2) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) by striking “in the Federal Register”
9 and inserting “on a publicly accessible Govern-
10 ment website, such as www.challenge.gov,”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “prize”
12 and inserting “cash prize purse”;

13 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “prize” and
14 inserting “cash prize purse”;

15 (4) in subsection (h), by inserting “prize” be-
16 fore “competition” both places it appears;

17 (5) in subsection (i)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting
19 “prize” before “competition”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting
21 “prize” before “competition” both places it ap-
22 pears;

23 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
24 paragraph (4); and

1 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(3) WAIVER.—An agency may waive the re-
4 quirement under paragraph (2). The annual report
5 under subsection (p) shall include a list of such
6 waivers granted during the preceding fiscal year,
7 along with a detailed explanation of the reasons for
8 granting the waivers.”;

9 (6) in subsection (k)—

10 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting
11 “prize” before “competition”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “prize”
13 before “competitions” both places it appears;

14 (7) in subsection (l), by striking all after “may
15 enter into” and inserting “a grant, contract, cooper-
16 ative agreement, or other agreement with a private
17 sector for-profit or nonprofit entity to administer the
18 prize competition, subject to the provisions of this
19 section.”;

20 (8) in subsection (m)—

21 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
22 follows:

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Support for a prize com-
24 petition under this section, including financial sup-
25 port for the design and administration of a prize

1 competition or funds for a cash prize purse, may
2 consist of Federal appropriated funds and funds
3 provided by private sector for-profit and nonprofit
4 entities. The head of an agency may accept funds
5 from other Federal agencies, private sector for-profit
6 entities, and nonprofit entities to support such prize
7 competitions. The head of an agency may not give
8 any special consideration to any private sector for-
9 profit or nonprofit entity in return for a donation.”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “prize
11 awards” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

12 (C) in paragraph (3)(A)—

13 (i) by striking “No prize” and insert-
14 ing “No prize competition”; and

15 (ii) by striking “the prize” and insert-
16 ing “the cash prize purse”;

17 (D) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “a
18 prize” and inserting “a cash prize purse”;

19 (E) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by inserting
20 “competition” after “prize”;

21 (F) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “a
22 prize” and inserting “a cash prize purse”; and

23 (G) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “cash
24 prizes” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

1 (9) in subsection (n), by inserting “for both for-
2 profit and nonprofit entities,” after “contract vehi-
3 cle”;

4 (10) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “or pro-
5 viding a prize” and insert “a prize competition or
6 providing a cash prize purse”; and

7 (11) in subsection (p)(2)(C), by striking “cash
8 prizes” both places it occurs and inserting “cash
9 prize purses”.

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