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To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to exempt the Department of Defense from reduction under any order issued to carry out a sequestration pursuant to section 251A.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2013

Mr. FORBES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 251A SEQUESTRATION.**

(a) CALCULATION OF TOTAL DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Paragraph (3) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "$1,200,000,000,000" and inserting "$600,000,000,000"; and

(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking "$24,000,000,000" and inserting "$12,000,000,000".

(b) ALLOCATION TO FUNCTIONS.—Paragraph (4) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended to read as follows:

"(4) ALLOCATION TO FUNCTIONS.—On January 2, 2013, for fiscal year 2013, and in its sequestration preview report for fiscal years 2014 through 2021 pursuant to section 254(c), OMB shall allocate the total reduction calculated pursuant to paragraph (3) for that year to discretionary appropriations and direct spending accounts in all non-defense functions.".

(c) DEFENSE FUNCTION REDUCTION.—Paragraph (5) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is repealed.

(d) IMPLEMENTING DISCRETIONARY REDUCTIONS.—(1) Paragraph (7)(A) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by striking "achieve—" and inserting "achieve",

by striking clause (i), and by striking ''(ii)'' and moving such text 2 ems to the left.

(2) Paragraph (7)(B) of section 251A of such Act is amended by striking ''achieve—'' and inserting ''achieve'', by striking clause (i), and by striking ''(ii)'' and moving such text 2 ems to the left.

(e) IMPLEMENTING DIRECT SPENDING REDUCTIONS.—The first sentence of paragraph (8) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by striking ''paragraphs (5) and (6)'' and inserting ''paragraph (6)''.

**SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

Section 901(e) of American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 is amended by striking ''251A(5)(A), 251A(6)(A), and 251A(7)(A),'' and inserting ''251A(6)(A) and 251A(7)(A),''.

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