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114TH CONGRESS
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To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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

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—

1 (1) in subsection (c)—

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

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

5 and

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

8 (2) in subsection (f)—

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

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

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

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

18 (5) in subsection (i)—

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

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

24 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
25 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”.