

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4768

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Separation of Powers
3 Restoration Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF STATUTORY AND REGU-**
5 **LATORY INTERPRETATIONS.**

6 Section 706 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by striking “To the extent necessary” and
9 inserting “(a) To the extent necessary”;

10 (2) by striking “decide all relevant questions of
11 law, interpret constitutional and statutory provi-
12 sions, and”;

13 (3) by inserting after “of the terms of an agen-
14 cy action” the following “and decide de novo all rel-
15 evant questions of law, including the interpretation
16 of constitutional and statutory provisions, and rules
17 made by agencies. Notwithstanding any other provi-
18 sion of law, this subsection shall apply in any action
19 for judicial review of agency action authorized under
20 any provision of law. No law may exempt any such
21 civil action from the application of this section ex-
22 cept by specific reference to this section”; and

23 (4) by striking “The reviewing court shall—”
24 and inserting the following:

1 “(b) The reviewing court shall—”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 12, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.