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# H. R. 8417

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VASQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Rural Installation Job  
5       Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTICE OF CONTRACT CANCELLATION OR TERMI-**  
2 **NATION RELATING TO REMOTE OR ISOLATED**  
3 **INSTALLATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 365 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 4705. Notice of contract cancellation or termi-**  
8 **nation relating to remote or isolated in-**  
9 **stallations**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection  
11 (b), not later than 30 days prior to the Secretary or any  
12 other official of an element of the Department of Defense  
13 cancelling or terminating a contract, the Secretary shall  
14 submit to Congress a notice of such cancellation or termi-  
15 nation if such cancellation or termination involves a reduc-  
16 tion in employment of not fewer than—

17 “(1) 50 remote or isolated installation con-  
18 tractor employees; or

19 “(2) 100 employees of contractors, including re-  
20 mote or isolated installation contractor employees.

21 “(b) WAIVER.—(1) The Secretary may waive sub-  
22 section (a) with respect to the cancellation or termination  
23 of a contract if the Secretary determines that such waiver  
24 is in the interest of national security.

25 “(2) If the Secretary waives subsection (a) with re-  
26 spect to the cancellation or termination of a contract, the

1 Secretary shall submit the notice required by such sub-  
2 section with respect to such cancellation or termination  
3 not later than one week after such cancellation or termi-  
4 nation.

5 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) The term ‘military installation’ has the  
7 meaning given such term in section 2801(c) of this  
8 title.

9 “(2) The term ‘remote or isolated installation’  
10 means a military installation that is a remote mili-  
11 tary installation, as determined by the Secretary  
12 pursuant to the policy required by section 565 of the  
13 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
14 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1749; 10  
15 U.S.C. 1781b note).

16 “(3) The term ‘remote or isolated installation  
17 contractor employee’ means an individual who—

18 “(A) is an employee of a contractor;

19 “(B) as such an employee, provides goods  
20 or services to a remote or isolated installation;  
21 and

22 “(C) resides in the same geographic area  
23 as such remote or isolated installation.

24 “(4) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary  
25 of Defense.”.

1           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2 tions for chapter 365 of title 10, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“4705. Notice of contract cancellation or termination relating to remote or iso-  
lated installations.”.

