H. R. 11

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Maloney introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _______________________

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,
SECTION 1. USE OF SINGLE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 104 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-3) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 104. USE OF SINGLE APPLICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If a State accepts and processes an official post card form (prescribed under section 101) submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter for simultaneous voter registration and absentee ballot application (in accordance with section 102(a)(4)) and the voter requests that the application be considered an application for an absentee ballot for each subsequent election for Federal office held in the State through the next regularly scheduled general election for Federal office (including any runoff elections which may occur as a result of the outcome of such general election), the State shall provide an absentee ballot to the voter for each such subsequent election.

“(b) EXCEPTION FOR VOTERS CHANGING REGISTRATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a voter registered to vote in a State for any election held after the voter notifies the State that the voter no longer wishes to be registered to vote in the State or after the State determines that the voter has registered to vote in
another State or is otherwise no longer eligible to vote in
the State.

“(c) Prohibition of Refusal of Application on
Grounds of Early Submission.—A State may not
refuse to accept or to process, with respect to any election
for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter registration
application or absentee ballot application (including the
postcard form prescribed under section 101) submitted by
an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter on
the grounds that the voter submitted the application be-
fore the first date on which the State otherwise accepts
or processes such applications for that election which are
submitted by absentee voters who are not members of the
uniformed services or overseas citizens.”.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
subsection (a) shall apply with respect to voter registration
and absentee ballot applications which are submitted to
a State or local election official on or after the date of
the enactment of this Act.