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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the ranks of the Judge Advocates General, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GOODLANDER (for herself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. CROW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the ranks of the Judge Advocates General, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Military Justice Leadership and Independence Act''.

SEC. 2. RANKS OF JUDGE ADVOCATES GENERAL.

(a) ARMY.—Section 7037(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: ''The Judge Advocate General, while so serving,

has the grade of lieutenant general. An officer appointed as Deputy Judge Advocate General who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general.''.

(b) MARINE CORPS.—Section 8046(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: ''If the officer to be appointed as the Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps holds a grade lower than the grade of lieutenant general immediately before the appointment, the officer shall be appointed in the grade of lieutenant general.''.

(c) NAVY.—

(1) THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—Section 8088(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: ''The Judge Advocate General, while so serving, has the grade of vice admiral or lieutenant general, as appropriate.''.

(2) THE DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—Section 8089(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: ''If an officer appointed as the Deputy Judge Advocate General holds a lower regular grade, the officer shall be appointed in the regular grade of rear admiral or major general, as appropriate.''.

(d) AIR FORCE.—

(1) THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—Section 9037(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: ''The Judge Advocate General, while so serving, has the grade of lieutenant general.''.

(2) THE DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—Section 9037(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: ''An officer appointed as Deputy Judge Advocate General who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general.''.

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