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# H. R. 9215

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURCHETT 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 “Prioritizing  
5 Warfighters in Defense Contracting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON STOCK BUYBACKS, SHAREHOLDER**  
2 **DIVIDENDS, AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSA-**  
3 **TION.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense may in-  
5 clude terms in a contract, the expected value of which is  
6 greater than or equal to \$100,000,000, to prohibit the  
7 contractor from conducting a stock buyback, issuing divi-  
8 dends to shareholders of the contractor, or paying any ex-  
9 ecutive (including the chief executive officer) of the con-  
10 tractor total annual compensation in excess of \$5,000,000  
11 if the contractor takes an action described in subsection  
12 (b).

13 (b) **ACTIONS DESCRIBED.**—An action described in  
14 this subsection is as follows:

15 (1) The contractor fails to perform such con-  
16 tract on time and on budget, including if such fail-  
17 ure is due to inadequate investment in new or mod-  
18 ernized production methodologies.

19 (2) The contractor performs such contract at  
20 insufficient production speed or capacity, including if  
21 such insufficiency is due to a failure to maintain  
22 equipment required for such performance.

23 (c) **APPLICABILITY.**—This section shall apply with re-  
24 spect to contracts entered into on or after the date of the  
25 enactment of this Act.