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To make permanent chapter 44 of title 28, United States Code, relating to arbitration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUGHES (for himself and Mr. MOORHEAD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Court Arbitration Au-
5 thorization Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF REPEAL.**

7 Section 906 of the Judicial Improvements and Access
8 to Justice Act (28 U.S.C. 651 note), and the item relating
9 to such section in the table of contents contained in section
10 3 of such Act, are repealed.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 905 of the Judicial Improvements and Access
3 to Justice Act (28 U.S.C. 651 note) is amended—

4 (1) in the first sentence by striking “for the fis-
5 cal year” and all that follows through “4 fiscal
6 years,”; and

7 (2) in the third sentence by striking “, except
8 that” and all that follows through “this Act”.

9 **SEC. 4. ARBITRATION ALLOWED TO BE ORDERED IN ALL**
10 **DISTRICT COURTS.**

11 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF ARBITRATION.—Section
12 651(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) by striking “described in section 658”;

14 (2) by striking “described in section 658(1)”;

15 and

16 (3) by striking the last sentence.

17 (b) CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATORS.—Section
18 656(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by
19 striking “listed in section 658” and inserting “which au-
20 thorizes the use of arbitration under this chapter”.

21 (c) REMOVAL OF LIMITATION.—Section 658 of title
22 28, United States Code, and the item in the table of sec-
23 tions at the beginning of chapter 44 of title 28, United
24 States Code, that relates to such section, are repealed.

1 **SEC. 5. EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION ON MONEY DAMAGES.**

2 (a) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding section 652(a)(1)
3 of title 28, United States Code, establishing a limitation
4 of \$100,000 in money damages with respect to cases re-
5 ferred to arbitration, a district court whose local rule on
6 the date of the enactment of this Act provides for a limita-
7 tion on money damages, with respect to such cases, of not
8 more than \$150,000, may continue to apply the higher
9 limitation.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 652(a)(1)
11 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking
12 “section 901(c) of the Judicial Improvements and Access
13 to Justice Act” and inserting “section 5(a) of the Court
14 Arbitration Authorization Act of 1993”.

15 (c) REMOVAL OF PRIOR PROVISION.—Section 901 of
16 the Judicial Improvements and Access to Justice Act is
17 amended by striking subsection (c) (28 U.S.C. 652 note).

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