

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5697

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## AN ACT

To provide for the appropriate designation of certain Federal positions involved in wildland fire suppression activities.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Wildland Fire-  
3 fighter Classification Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In the administration of chapter  
6 51 of title 5, United States Code, the Director of the Of-  
7 fice of Personnel Management shall ensure that the offi-  
8 cial title assigned under such chapter to any class or other  
9 category of positions described in subsection (b) shall in-  
10 clude the designation of “Wildland Firefighter” or words  
11 to that effect.

12 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—This section shall apply in the  
13 case of any class or other category of positions that con-  
14 sists primarily or exclusively of forest technician positions,  
15 range technician positions, or any other category of posi-  
16 tions the duties and responsibilities of which include sig-  
17 nificant wildland fire suppression activities.

18 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

19 (1) the terms “class” and “position” shall have  
20 the meanings set forth in section 5102 of title 5,  
21 United States Code; and

22 (2) the terms “forest technician position”,  
23 “range technician position”, and “significant  
24 wildland fire suppression activities” shall have the  
25 meanings specified by the Director of the Office of  
26 Personnel Management.

1 **SEC. 3. HAZARDOUS DUTY DIFFERENTIAL NOT AFFECTED.**

2 Section 5545(d)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is  
3 amended by striking all after “except” and inserting an  
4 em-dash and the following:

5 “(A) an employee in an occupational series  
6 covering positions for which the primary duties  
7 are wildland firefighting, as determined by the  
8 Office; and

9 “(B) in such other circumstances as the  
10 Office may by regulation prescribe; and”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 7,  
2006.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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