

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To impose limits on excepting competitive service positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To impose limits on excepting competitive service positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

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 “Preventing a Patron-  
5 age System Act of 2022” or the “PPSA Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON EXCEPTION OF COMPETITIVE**  
7 **SERVICE POSITIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 3302 of  
9 title 5, United States Code, no position in the competitive  
10 service (as defined in section 2102 of that title) may be

1 excepted from the competitive service unless that position  
2 is placed—

3 (1) in any of schedules A through E, as de-  
4 scribed in section 6.2 of title 5, Code of Federal  
5 Regulations, as in effect on September 30, 2020;  
6 and

7 (2) under the terms and conditions under part  
8 6 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect  
9 on September 30, 2020.

10 (b) **SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS.**—Notwithstanding  
11 section 3302 of title 5, United States Code, no position  
12 in the excepted service (as defined in section 2103 of that  
13 title) may be placed in any schedule other than a schedule  
14 described in subsection (a)(1).