

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2685

To redesignate the Department of Defense the Department of War.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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of War.

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 “Department of War  
5 Restoration Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS**  
7 **DEPARTMENT OF WAR.**

8 (a) DEPARTMENT OF WAR.—The Department of De-  
9 fense is hereby redesignated the Department of War.

1           (b) SECRETARY OF WAR.—The head of the Depart-  
2 ment of War, as redesignated by subsection (a), is the Sec-  
3 retary of War.

4           (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Department  
5 of Defense or the Secretary of Defense in any law, rule,  
6 regulation, certificate, directive, instruction, or other offi-  
7 cial paper in force on the date of enactment of this Act  
8 shall be considered to refer and apply to the Department  
9 of War and the Secretary of War, respectively.

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