



[HOUSE BILL, No. ]

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[By Mr. HOLTON.]

## A BILL

To be entitled an Act to amend the law in relation to substitutes.

1     *Whereas*, Through frauds perpetrated on the government under  
 2 the clause of the act approved April 16th, 1862, which granted  
 3 the privilege that persons, not liable to military duty, might be  
 4 received for those who were, our armies have been deprived  
 5 of the services of men necessary for the public defence; there-  
 6 fore,

1     SEC. 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That,*  
 2 in all cases where substitutes received under the provisions of  
 3 the above (or any other) law have deserted, or shall hereafter  
 4 desert, the obligation of the principal shall revive upon the do-  
 5 sertation of the substitute being established and attested under  
 6 regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

1     SEC. 2. In all cases where a substitute has proved unfit for the  
 2 discharge of the ordinary duties of a soldier, by reason of physi-  
 3 cal or mental incapacity, existing at the time he was received as

4 a substitute, the obligation of the principal shall revive upon  
5 such incapacity being established and attested under regulations  
6 to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

1 SEC. 3 In all cases where a man, who is a substitute, would be  
2 liable to enrollment for military service under existing or future  
3 laws if he were not already in the army, the principal is hereby  
4 declared to be subject to such enrollment.