SEC. ___. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR A PRESIDENTIALLY-APPOINTED CHAPLAIN AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

(a) REPEAL.—Section 9337 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 903 of such title is amended by striking the item related to section 9227.

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text above would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would repeal section 9337 of title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the statutory requirement that the President appoint a chaplain at the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) for a term of four years. Currently, there is a statutory requirement for the President to appoint military chaplains for the USAFA and the United States Military Academy. No such requirement applies with respect to the United States Naval Academy (USNA). Instead, military chaplains are assigned to the USNA through the Navy personnel system. Similarly, section 9337 is not necessary because military chaplains are assigned to the USAFA through the Air Force personnel system.

Budget Implications: This proposal has no budget implications because military chaplains still would be assigned to the USAFA through the Air Force personnel system. This legislation has not been used since 2009; therefore, no cost information is available.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2017	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**Appropriation To**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
Air Force	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Changes to Existing Law: This section would repeal section 9337 of title 10, United States Code, as follows:

~~**§ 9337. Chaplain**~~

~~There shall be a chaplain at the Academy, who must be a clergyman, appointed by the President for a term of four years. The chaplain is entitled to the same allowances for public quarters as are allowed to a captain, and to fuel and light for quarters in kind. The chaplain may be reappointed.~~