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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 14, 2009

Mr. ENSIGN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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. ENHANCEMENT OF PROCESS FOR APPROVAL**
2 **OF ACCREDITED COURSES.**

3 Section 3675 of title 38, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 sections:

6 “(d)(1) Not later than 90 days after a State approv-
7 ing agency receives an application from an educational in-
8 stitution for approval of a course of education under this
9 section, the State approving agency shall transmit to such
10 educational institution a response to such application in
11 writing.

12 “(2) If a State approving agency disapproves under
13 this section a course that is offered by an educational in-
14 stitution, the State approving agency shall transmit to the
15 educational institution a justification for such disapproval.

16 “(e)(1) The Secretary may, upon application therefor
17 by an educational institution, review the determination of
18 a State approving agency to disapprove pursuant to this
19 section a course of education offered by the educational
20 institution.

21 “(2) The Secretary may overturn a determination re-
22 viewed by the Secretary under paragraph (1). Any action
23 by the Secretary under this paragraph shall be within the
24 sole discretion of the Secretary, and shall not be subject
25 to judicial review.

1 “(3) A course of education covered by the overturning
2 under paragraph (2) of a determination of disapproval of
3 a State approving agency shall be deemed approved by the
4 State approving agency for purposes of this section.”.

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