

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5342

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expeditiously grant privileges to members of the Armed Forces who are health care providers to provide hospital care and medical services in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2014

Mr. HECK of Nevada (for himself, Mr. COLE, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. TIPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Credentialing and
5 Privileging Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL OF CREDENTIALS OF MILITARY PHYSI-**
2 **CIA NS FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING PRIVI-**
3 **LEGES TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS MEDICAL FACILITIES.**

5 (a) APPROVAL OF CREDENTIALS.—Not later than 30
6 days after a request is made by a military health care pro-
7 vider described in subsection (b) for privileges to provide
8 hospital care or medical services in a medical facility of
9 the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Vet-
10 erans Affairs shall approve the credentials of the provider
11 and grant such privileges, unless the Secretary can show
12 cause for denying such privileges.

13 (b) MILITARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—A military
14 health care provider described in this subsection is a mem-
15 ber of the Armed Forces who—

16 (1) is a health care provider;

17 (2) is serving on active duty in, or in the proc-
18 ess of being separated from, the Armed Forces; and

19 (3) is privileged to work in a military treatment
20 facility.

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