

Union Calendar No. 426

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1818

[Report No. 114–552]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2015

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

MAY 10, 2016

Additional sponsors: Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. MARINO, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. HANNA, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. POCAN, Mr. GIBSON, Ms. ESTY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. LATTA, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. WALZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. NUGENT, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KILMER, Mr. COLE, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. TAKAI, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. YODER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. NEAL, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. PAULSEN, and Mr. TURNER

MAY 10, 2016

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 15, 2015]

A BILL

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to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

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 “Veteran Emergency Med-*
5 *ical Technician Support Act of 2016”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY**
7 **MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET REQUIREMENTS**
8 **FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN EMERGENCY MED-**
9 **ICAL TECHNICIANS.**

10 *Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act*
11 *(42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section*
12 *314 the following:*

13 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
14 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET RE-**
15 **QUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN**
16 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

17 *“(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a pro-*
18 *gram consisting of awarding demonstration grants to*
19 *States to streamline State requirements and procedures in*
20 *order to assist veterans who completed military emergency*
21 *medical technician training while serving in the Armed*
22 *Forces of the United States to meet certification, licensure,*
23 *and other requirements applicable to becoming an emer-*
24 *gency medical technician in the State.*

1 “(b) *USE OF FUNDS.*—Amounts received as a dem-
2 onstration grant under this section shall be used to prepare
3 and implement a plan to streamline State requirements
4 and procedures as described in subsection (a), including
5 by—

6 “(1) *determining the extent to which the require-*
7 *ments for the education, training, and skill level of*
8 *emergency medical technicians in the State are equiv-*
9 *alent to requirements for the education, training, and*
10 *skill level of military emergency medical technicians;*
11 *and*

12 “(2) *identifying methods, such as waivers, for*
13 *military emergency medical technicians to forgo or*
14 *meet any such equivalent State requirements.*

15 “(c) *ELIGIBILITY.*—To be eligible for a grant under
16 this section, a State shall demonstrate that the State has
17 a shortage of emergency medical technicians.

18 “(d) *REPORT.*—The Secretary shall submit to the Con-
19 gress an annual report on the program under this section.

20 “(e) *FUNDING.*—No additional funds are authorized to
21 be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this section.
22 This section shall be carried out using amounts otherwise
23 available for such purpose.”.

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