

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 453

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Veteran Emergency
5 Medical Technician Support Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY**
2 **MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET REQUIRE-**
3 **MENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN EMER-**
4 **GENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

5 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
7 tion 314 the following:

8 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
9 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET RE-**
10 **QUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN**
11 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

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

20 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received as a dem-
21 onstration grant under this section shall be used to pre-
22 pare and implement a plan to streamline State require-
23 ments and procedures as described in subsection (a), in-
24 cluding by—

25 “(1) determining the extent to which the re-
26 quirements for the education, training, and skill level

1 of emergency medical technicians in the State are
2 equivalent to requirements for the education, train-
3 ing, and skill level of military emergency medical
4 technicians; and

5 “(2) identifying methods, such as waivers, for
6 military emergency medical technicians to forego or
7 meet any such equivalent State requirements.

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

11 “(d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the
12 Congress an annual report on the program under this sec-
13 tion.

14 “(e) FUNDING.—No additional funds are authorized
15 to be appropriated to carry out this section, and this sec-
16 tion shall be carried out using amounts otherwise available
17 for such purpose.”.

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