

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1393

AN ACT

To streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Jobs for Our Heroes
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR VETERANS OPERATING**
5 **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

6 (a) **QUALIFIED EXAMINERS.**—Section 5403(d)(2) of
7 the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548)
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 “(2) **QUALIFIED EXAMINER.**—The term ‘quali-
10 fied examiner’ means an individual who—

11 “(A) is employed by the Department of
12 Veterans Affairs as an advanced practice nurse,
13 doctor of chiropractic, doctor of medicine, doc-
14 tor of osteopathy, physician assistant, or other
15 medical professional;

16 “(B) is licensed, certified, or registered in
17 a State to perform physical examinations;

18 “(C) is familiar with the standards for,
19 and physical requirements of, an operator re-
20 quired to be medically certified under section
21 31149 of title 49, United States Code; and

22 “(D) has never, with respect to such sec-
23 tion, been found to have acted fraudulently, in-
24 cluding by fraudulently awarding a medical cer-
25 tificate.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 5403 of
2 the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548)
3 is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “physician-ap-
5 proved veteran operator, the qualified physician”
6 and inserting “veteran operator approved by a quali-
7 fied examiner, the qualified examiner”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

9 (A) by striking “the physician” and insert-
10 ing “the examiner”; and

11 (B) by striking “qualified physician” and
12 inserting “qualified examiner”;

13 (3) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) by striking “qualified physicians” and
15 inserting “qualified examiners”; and

16 (B) by striking “such physicians” and in-
17 serting “such examiners”; and

18 (4) in subsection (d)—

19 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
20 and (3) as paragraphs (3), (1), and (2), respec-
21 tively, and by moving the text of paragraph (3),
22 as redesignated, to appear after paragraph (2),
23 as redesignated; and

24 (B) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “PHYSICIAN-APPROVED VETERAN OPERATOR” and inserting “VETERAN OPERATOR APPROVED BY A QUALIFIED EXAMINER”; and

(ii) by striking “physician-approved veteran operator” and inserting “veteran operator approved by a qualified examiner”.

(c) RULEMAKING.—The amendments made by this section shall be incorporated into any rulemaking proceeding related to section 5403 of the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548) that is being conducted as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 3. COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE STANDARDS FOR
CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE
ARMED FORCES.**

Section 31305(d) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking “VETERAN OPERATORS” and inserting “OPERATORS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, RESERVISTS, OR VETERANS”;

1 (2) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “subpara-
2 graph (A) during, at least,” and inserting “subpara-
3 graph (A)—

4 “(i) while serving in the armed forces
5 or reserve components; and

6 “(ii) during”; and

7 (3) in paragraph (2)(B)—

8 (A) by inserting “current or” before
9 “former” each place the term appears; and

10 (B) by inserting “one of” before “the re-
11 serve components”.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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