

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—

1 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
2 ing “PHYSICIAN-APPROVED VETERAN OP-
3 ERATOR” and inserting “VETERAN OPER-
4 ATOR APPROVED BY A QUALIFIED EXAM-
5 INER”; and

6 (ii) by striking “physician-approved
7 veteran operator” and inserting “veteran
8 operator approved by a qualified exam-
9 iner”.

10 (c) RULEMAKING.—The amendments made by this
11 section shall be incorporated into any rulemaking pro-
12 ceeding related to section 5403 of the FAST Act (49
13 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548) that is being con-
14 ducted as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

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

20 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “VET-
21 ERAN OPERATORS” and inserting “OPERATORS
22 WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, RE-
23 SERVISTS, 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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