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# S. 1393

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2017

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jobs for Our Heroes  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR VETERANS OPERATING**  
7 **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

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

3           “(A) is employed by the Department of  
4       Veterans Affairs as an advanced practice nurse,  
5       doctor of chiropractic, doctor of medicine, doc-  
6       tor of osteopathy, physician assistant, or other  
7       medical professional;

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

10          “(C) is familiar with the standards for,  
11       and physical requirements of, an operator re-  
12       quired to be medically certified under section  
13       31149 of title 49, United States Code; and

14          “(D) has never, with respect to such sec-  
15       tion, been found to have acted fraudulently, in-  
16       cluding by fraudulently awarding a medical cer-  
17       tificate.”.

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

21           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “physician-ap-  
22       proved veteran operator, the qualified physician”  
23       and inserting “veteran operator approved by a quali-  
24       fied examiner, the qualified examiner”;

25           (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “the physician” and insert-  
2 ing “the examiner”; and

3 (B) by striking “qualified physician” and  
4 inserting “qualified examiner”;

5 (3) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) by striking “qualified physicians” and  
7 inserting “qualified examiners”; and

8 (B) by striking “such physicians” and in-  
9 serting “such examiners”; and

10 (4) in subsection (d)—

11 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),  
12 and (3) as paragraphs (3), (1), and (2), respec-  
13 tively, and by moving the text of paragraph (3),  
14 as redesignated, to appear after paragraph (2),  
15 as redesignated; and

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

17 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
18 ing “PHYSICIAN-APPROVED VETERAN OP-  
19 ERATOR” and inserting “VETERAN OPER-  
20 ATOR APPROVED BY A QUALIFIED EXAM-  
21 INER”; and

22 (ii) by striking “physician-approved  
23 veteran operator” and inserting “veteran  
24 operator approved by a qualified exam-  
25 iner”.

(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”;

(2) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “subparagraph (A) during, at least,” and inserting “subparagraph (A)—

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

“(ii) during”; and

(3) in paragraph (2)(B)—

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

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

