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S. 1393

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2017

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. NELSON, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

AUGUST 3, 2017

Reported by Mr. THUNE, without amendment

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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 “Jobs for Our Heroes
5 Act”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “physician-approved veteran operator, the qualified physician” and inserting “veteran operator approved by a qualified examiner, the qualified examiner”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “the physician” and inserting “the examiner”; and

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

(3) in subsection (c)—

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

(B) by striking “such physicians” and inserting “such examiners”; and

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as paragraphs (3), (1), and (2), respectively, and by moving the text of paragraph (3), as redesignated, to appear after paragraph (2), as redesignated; and

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

(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “PHYSICIAN-APPROVED VETERAN OPERATOR” and inserting “VETERAN OPER-

ATOR APPROVED BY A QUALIFIED EXAM-
 INER”; and

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

(c) RULEMAKING.—The amendments made by this
 section shall be incorporated into any rulemaking pro-
 ceeding related to section 5403 of the FAST Act (49
 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548) that is being con-
 ducted 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 “VET-
 ERAN OPERATORS” and inserting “OPERATORS
 WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, RE-
 SERVISTS, OR VETERANS”;

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

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

- 1 “(ii) during”; and
2 (3) in paragraph (2)(B)—
3 (A) by inserting “current or” before
4 “former” each place the term appears; and
5 (B) by inserting “one of” before “the re-
6 serve components”.

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