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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 29, 2025

Mrs. Kiggans of Virginia (for herself and Ms. Jacobs) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE OF HEALTH-
- 4 CARE PROFESSIONALS OF THE MILITARY DE-
- 5 PARTMENTS.
- 6 Subsection (b) of section 1094 of title 10, United
- 7 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

- 1 "(b)(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
- 2 each individual who provides health care independently as
- 3 a health-care professional at a health care facility of the
- 4 Department of Defense meets the requirement of sub-
- 5 section (a).
- 6 "(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary
- 7 shall establish a centralized credential system that allows
- 8 the commanding officer of a health care facility of the De-
- 9 partment to verify the licensure of a health-care profes-
- 10 sional, regardless of the location of the facility or the
- 11 armed force in which the health-care professional serves.
- 12 The Secretary shall ensure that not less than 90 percent
- 13 of such verifications are completed within seven days of
- 14 the date on which the commanding officer requests such
- 15 verification if the request does not relate to a health-care
- 16 professional with an adverse record.".

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