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H. R. 2853

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ENGEL, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Medic
5 Transition (EMT) Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR EXPEDITED TRAINING AND LICENS-**
2 **ING OF VETERANS AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL**
3 **TECHNICIANS.**

4 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 330J
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 330J-1. GRANTS FOR EXPEDITED LICENSING OF VET-**
8 **ERANS AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNI-**
9 **CIANS.**

10 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants to
11 eligible entities to provide for the expedited training and
12 licensing, as emergency medical technicians, of veterans
13 who received training as emergency medical technicians
14 while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

15 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—An entity is eligible to receive a
16 grant under this section if—

17 “(1) the entity is—

18 “(A) a State emergency medical services
19 office; or

20 “(B) any other appropriate State entity
21 with jurisdiction over emergency medical per-
22 sonnel; and

23 “(2) the entity prepares and submits to the
24 Secretary an application at such time, in such man-
25 ner, and containing such information as the Sec-
26 retary may require, that includes—

1 “(A) a description of the activities to be
2 carried out under the grant; and

3 “(B) an assurance that the eligible entity
4 will comply with the requirements of this sec-
5 tion.

6 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

7 “(1) RECRUITING AND TRAINING.—An eligible
8 entity shall use amounts received under a grant
9 made under subsection (a)—

10 “(A) to recruit emergency medical techni-
11 cians from among veterans who received train-
12 ing as emergency medical technicians while
13 serving in the Armed Forces of the United
14 States;

15 “(B) to provide to such veterans required
16 course work and training that take into ac-
17 count, and are not duplicative of, medical
18 course work and training received when such
19 veterans were active members of the Armed
20 Forces of the United States, to enable such vet-
21 erans to satisfy emergency medical services per-
22 sonnel certification requirements in the civilian
23 sector, as determined by the appropriate State
24 regulatory entity; and

1 “(C) to reimburse individuals who are cer-
2 tified as emergency medical technicians pursu-
3 ant to the program under this section for the
4 costs of receiving certification and licensing
5 from the appropriate State entity.

6 “(2) PARTNERSHIPS WITH EDUCATIONAL AND
7 OTHER INSTITUTIONS.—An eligible entity may enter
8 into an agreement with any institution of higher
9 education, or other educational institution certified
10 to provide training to emergency medical personnel,
11 for purposes of providing training under this section
12 if such institution has developed a suitable cur-
13 riculum that meets the requirements of paragraph
14 (1)(B).

15 “(3) ELIGIBLE VETERANS.—An individual is el-
16 igible to receive training under this subsection if the
17 individual provides to the eligible entity concerned—

18 “(A) proof of honorable discharge from the
19 Armed Forces of the United States;

20 “(B) proof of successful completion of mili-
21 tary emergency medical training, including a
22 detailed description of the emergency medical
23 curriculum completed;

24 “(C) a detailed description of the appli-
25 cant’s clinical experience; and

1 “(D) such additional information as the el-
2 igible entity considers necessary.

3 “(4) PRIORITY.—An eligible entity shall give
4 priority to providing training under this subsection
5 to individuals who will serve as emergency medical
6 technicians in areas that provide a high volume of
7 emergency medical services and trauma care within
8 the State in which the eligible entity is located.

9 “(5) LIMITATION.—None of the funds received
10 under a grant made under subsection (a) may be
11 used by an eligible entity for its operational ex-
12 penses.

13 “(d) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be
14 appropriated such sums as may be necessary.”.

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