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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the recognition by States of skills learned in the military by a veteran when issuing licenses and credentials.

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Mr. REICHERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Military Skills to Ca-
5 reers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE RECOGNITION OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE OF**
2 **VETERANS IN ISSUING LICENSES AND CRE-**
3 **DENTIALS TO VETERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4102A(c)(9) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 “(9)(A) As a condition of a grant or contract under
7 which funds are made available to a State under sub-
8 section (b)(5) in order to carry out section 4103A or 4104
9 of this title, the State shall—

10 “(i) establish a program under which the State
11 administers an examination to each veteran seeking
12 a license or credential issued by the State and issues
13 such license or credential to such veteran without re-
14 quiring such veteran to undergo any training or ap-
15 prenticeship if the veteran—

16 “(I) receives a satisfactory score on com-
17 pletion of such examination, as determined by
18 the State;

19 “(II) has been awarded a military occupa-
20 tional speciality that is substantially equivalent
21 to or exceeds the requirements of the State for
22 the issuance of such license or credential;

23 “(III) has engaged in the active practice of
24 the occupation for which the veteran is seeking
25 such license or credential for at least two of the

1 five years preceding the date of application for
2 such license or credential; and

3 “(IV) pays any customary or usual fees re-
4 quired by the State for such license or creden-
5 tial; and

6 “(ii) submit each year to the Secretary a report
7 on the exams administered under clause (i) during
8 the most recently completed 12-month period that
9 includes, for the period covered by the report, the
10 number of veterans who completed an exam adminis-
11 tered by the State under clause (i) and a description
12 of the results of such exams, disaggregated by occu-
13 pational field.

14 “(B) The Secretary may waive the requirement under
15 subparagraph (A) that a State establish a program de-
16 scribed in that subparagraph as a condition of a grant
17 or contract if the State certifies to the Secretary that the
18 State—

19 “(i) takes into account previous military train-
20 ing for the purposes of issuing licenses or creden-
21 tials;

22 “(ii) permits veterans to completely satisfy
23 through examination any training or testing require-
24 ments for a license or credential with respect to

1 which a veteran has previously completed military
2 training; and

3 “(iii) for any credential or license for which a
4 veteran is unable to completely satisfy such require-
5 ments through examination, substantially reduces
6 training time required to satisfy such requirement
7 based on the military training received by the vet-
8 eran.

9 “(C) Not less frequently than once each year, the
10 Secretary shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of
11 Defense a report summarizing the information received by
12 the Secretary under subparagraph (A)(ii).”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

14 (1) EXAMS.—Subparagraph (A) of section
15 4102A(c)(9) of such title, as added by subsection
16 (a), shall take effect on the date that is one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
18 apply with respect to grants and contracts described
19 in such subparagraph awarded after such date.

20 (2) REPORTS.—Subparagraph (B) of section
21 4102A(c)(9), as added by subsection (a), shall take
22 effect on the date that is one year after the date of
23 the enactment of this Act and the Secretary of
24 Labor shall submit the first report under such sub-

1 paragraph not later than two years after the date of
2 the enactment of this Act.

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