

Union Calendar No. 129

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2547

[Report No. 115–190]

To expand the Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals who may qualify to perform physical examinations on eligible veterans and issue medical certificates required for operation of a commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2017

Mr. WOODALL (for himself and Ms. BROWNLEY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

JUNE 23, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Mr. MASSIE

JUNE 23, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 18, 2017]

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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 “Veterans Expanded*
5 *Trucking Opportunities Act of 2017”.*

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) is*
10 *amended to read as follows:*

11 *“(2) QUALIFIED EXAMINER.*—*The term ‘qualified*
12 *examiner’ means an individual who—*

13 *“(A) is employed in the Department of Vet-*
14 *erans Affairs as an advanced practice nurse,*
15 *doctor of chiropractic, doctor of medicine, doctor*
16 *of osteopathy, physician assistant, or other med-*
17 *ical professional;*

18 *“(B) is licensed, certified, or registered in a*
19 *State to perform physical examinations;*

20 *“(C) is familiar with the standards for, and*
21 *physical requirements of, an operator required to*
22 *be medically certified under section 31149 of title*
23 *49, United States Code; and*

1 “(D) has never, with respect to such section,
2 been found to have acted fraudulently, including
3 by fraudulently awarding a medical certificate.”.

4 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—Section 5403 of the
5 *FAST Act* (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “physician-approved vet-
9 eran operator,” and inserting “veteran operator
10 approved by a qualified examiner,”; and

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

13 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

14 (A) by striking “the physician” and insert-
15 ing “the examiner”; and

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

18 (3) in subsection (c)—

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

21 (B) by striking “such physicians” and in-
22 serting “such examiners”; and

23 (4) in subsection (d)(1)—

24 (A) in the paragraph heading by striking
25 “*PHYSICIAN-APPROVED VETERAN OPERATOR*”

1 *and inserting “VETERAN OPERATOR APPROVED*
2 *BY A QUALIFIED EXAMINER”*; *and*

3 *(B) by striking “physician-approved vet-*
4 *eran operator” and inserting “veteran operator*
5 *approved by a qualified examiner”.*

6 *(c) RULEMAKING.—The amendments made by this sec-*
7 *tion shall be incorporated into any rulemaking proceeding*
8 *related to section 5403 of the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149*
9 *note; 129 Stat. 1548) that is being conducted as of the date*
10 *of enactment of this Act.*

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