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To establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Certification, Credentialing,  
and Licensure.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida introduced the following bill; which was  
referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on  
Certification, Credentialing, and Licensure.

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 “The Veterans Certifi-  
5       cation and Licensure Act of 2006”.

6       **SEC. 2. VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CERTIFI-**  
7       **CATION, CREDENTIALING, AND LICENSURE.**

8       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within  
9       the Department of Labor a committee to be known as the  
10       Veterans     Advisory     Committee     on     Certification,

1 Credentialing, and Licensure (hereinafter in this section  
2 referred to as the “Committee”).

3 (b) DUTIES.—The Committee shall establish and  
4 carry out a national program to do the following:

5 (1) To facilitate the seamless transition of  
6 members of the Armed Forces from serving on ac-  
7 tive duty to employment in the private sector  
8 through credentialing.

9 (2) To collect and disseminate data on certifi-  
10 cation, licensing, and credentialing programs of the  
11 Department of Defense, the Department of Labor,  
12 the Department of Veterans Affairs, and of States.

13 (3) To advise the Secretary of Labor on all  
14 matters relating to certification, licensing, and  
15 credentialing issues related to converting the skills  
16 acquired by veterans while serving in the Armed  
17 Forces to skills relevant to civilian occupations.

18 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

19 (1) The Committee shall be composed of nine  
20 members, as follows:

21 (A) The Secretary of Defense.

22 (B) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

23 (C) The Assistant Secretary of Labor for  
24 Veterans’ Employment and Training.

1 (D) Six members appointed by the Sec-  
2 retary of Labor of whom one shall be appointed  
3 from among representatives nominated by each  
4 of the following organizations:

5 (i) Veterans' service organizations  
6 that have a national employment program.

7 (ii) The Coalition for Professional  
8 Certification.

9 (iii) A nationally-recognized organiza-  
10 tion in the area of human resources man-  
11 agement.

12 (iv) Nationally-recognized labor  
13 unions and organizations.

14 (v) A nationally-recognized organiza-  
15 tion that advocates on behalf of United  
16 States businesses and industry.

17 (vi) The American National Stand-  
18 ards Institute.

19 (2) A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled  
20 in the same manner in which the original appoint-  
21 ment was made.

22 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

23 (1) MEETINGS.—The Committee shall meet not  
24 less frequently than once each fiscal year quarter.

1           (2) CHAIR.—The Secretary of Labor shall ap-  
2       point the chair of the Committee.

3           (3) COMPENSATION.—

4               (A) NO COMPENSATION.—Members of the  
5       Committee shall serve without additional com-  
6       pensation by reason of their service on the  
7       Committee.

8               (B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the  
9       Committee shall be allowed reasonable and nec-  
10      essary travel expenses, including per diem in  
11      lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for per-  
12      sons serving intermittently in the Government  
13      service in accordance with the provisions of sub-  
14      chapter I of chapter 57 of title 5 while away  
15      from their homes or regular places of business  
16      in the performance of the responsibilities of the  
17      Committee.

18          (4) STAFF.—The Secretary of Labor shall pro-  
19      vide staff and administrative support to the Com-  
20      mittee to assist it in carrying out its duties under  
21      this section. The Secretary shall assure positions on  
22      the staff of the Committee include positions that are  
23      filled by individuals that are not now, or have ever  
24      been, employed as one of the following:

1 (A) Staff of the Assistant Secretary of  
2 Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training  
3 under section 4102A of title 38, United States  
4 Code, as in effect on the date of the enactment  
5 of this Act.

6 (B) Directors for Veterans' Employment  
7 and Training under section 4103 of such title  
8 as in effect on such date.

9 (C) Assistant Director for Veterans' Em-  
10 ployment and Training under such section as in  
11 effect on such date.

12 (5) DETAIL OF PERSONNEL.—Upon request of  
13 the Committee, the head of any Federal department  
14 or agency may detail, on a nonreimbursable basis,  
15 any of the personnel of that department or agency  
16 to the Committee to assist it in carrying out its du-  
17 ties.

18 (6) CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ENTI-  
19 TY.—The Committee may enter into a contract with  
20 a private sector entity that has a demonstrated level  
21 of achievement with respect to issues pertaining to  
22 certification, if the Committee determines that enter-  
23 ing into such a contract is necessary to carry out the  
24 duties of the Committee under subsection (b).

25 (e) REPORTS.—

1           (1) QUARTERLY REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not  
2 later than 30 days after the last day of a fiscal year  
3 quarter, the Secretary of Labor shall submit to Con-  
4 gress a report on the activities of the Committee  
5 under this section during that quarter.

6           (2) COMMITTEE REPORT.—Not later than one  
7 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
8 Committee shall submit to the Secretary of Labor a  
9 report containing the following:

10           (A) A description of any area of employ-  
11 ment in which a credentialing or certification  
12 system for veterans exists, an evaluation of the  
13 effectiveness of each such system, and informa-  
14 tion on the number of eligible individuals who  
15 took advantage of each such system.

16           (B) An identification of any area of em-  
17 ployment in which a credentialing or certifi-  
18 cation system for veterans could be established  
19 or improved during the 18-month period begin-  
20 ning on the date on which the report under this  
21 paragraph is submitted.

22           (C) A description of the areas of employ-  
23 ment the Committee determines are the most  
24 difficult such areas for which to establish a  
25 credentialing or certification system for vet-

1           erans and the recommendations of the Com-  
2           mittee with respect to methods of establishing  
3           such a system for each such area.

4       (f) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate  
5   on the date that is 60 days after the date on which it  
6   submits the report for the last fiscal quarter of fiscal year  
7   2011.

8       (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9   are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of  
10 Labor from the employment security administration ac-  
11 count (established in section 901 of the Social Security  
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 1101)) in the Unemployment Trust Fund  
13 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011  
14 to carry out this section.

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