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H. R. 717

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Mr. MICHAUD (for himself and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION ELI-**
2 **GIBLE FOR ACCELERATED PAYMENTS OF**
3 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE**
4 **MONTGOMERY GI BILL.**

5 (a) COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE TRAINING PRO-
6 GRAMS.—Subsection (b)(1) of section 3014A of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “that leads to”;
9 and

10 (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end
11 the following: “or (B) employment as an operator of
12 a commercial motor vehicle (as defined in section
13 31301(4) of title 49)”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading
15 section 3014A of such title is amended by adding at the
16 end the following:

17 **“AND EMPLOYMENT IN CERTAIN OTHER OCCUPA-**
18 **TIONS”.**

19 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
20 30 of such title is amended in the item relating to section
21 3014A by adding at the end the following:

“and employment in certain other occupations.”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS UNDER THE**
2 **MONTGOMERY GI BILL FROM INCOME FOR**
3 **ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR FED-**
4 **ERAL EDUCATION LOANS.**

5 Section 3015 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
8 section (i); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
12 amounts payable by the Secretary under this subchapter
13 with respect to an eligible individual shall not be consid-
14 ered as income for purposes of determining eligibility of
15 such individual for education grants or loans under any
16 other provision of Federal law.”.

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