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H. R. 4124

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Emergency
3 Medical Technician Support Act of 2012”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY**
5 **MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET REQUIRE-**
6 **MENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN EMER-**
7 **GENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title III of the Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended
10 by inserting after section 314 the following:

11 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
12 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET RE-**
13 **QUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN**
14 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

15 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a pro-
16 gram consisting of awarding demonstration grants to
17 States to streamline State requirements and procedures
18 in order to assist veterans who completed military emer-
19 gency medical technician training while serving in the
20 Armed Forces of the United States to meet certification,
21 licensure, and other requirements applicable to becoming
22 an emergency medical technician in the State.

23 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received as a dem-
24 onstration grant under this section shall be used to pre-
25 pare and implement a plan to streamline State require-

1 ments and procedures as described in subsection (a), in-
2 cluding by—

3 “(1) determining the extent to which the re-
4 quirements for the education, training, and skill level
5 of emergency medical technicians in the State are
6 equivalent to requirements for the education, train-
7 ing, and skill level of military emergency medical
8 technicians; and

9 “(2) identifying methods, such as waivers, for
10 military emergency medical technicians to forego or
11 meet any such equivalent State requirements.

12 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under
13 this section, a State shall demonstrate that the State has
14 a shortage of emergency medical technicians.

15 “(d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the
16 Congress an annual report on the program under this sec-
17 tion.

18 “(e) FUNDING.—Of the amount authorized by section
19 751(j)(1) to be appropriated to carry out section 751 for
20 fiscal year 2013, there is authorized to be appropriated
21 to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for the period of fiscal
22 years 2013 through 2017.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 751(j)(1)
24 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294a(j)(1))
25 is amended by striking “There is authorized to be appro-

1 priated” and inserting “Subject to section 315(e), there
2 is authorized to be appropriated”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 19,
2012.

Attest:

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Clerk.