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To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, Science, Space, and Technology, and Education and the Workforce, 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

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Veterans Jobs Corps Act of 2012”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Veterans Jobs Corps.

- Sec. 3. Employment of veterans with the Federal Government.
- Sec. 4. Requirement that States recognize military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans.
- Sec. 5. Support for job searches of veterans through one-stop centers.
- Sec. 6. State consideration of military training in granting certain State certifications and licenses as a condition on the receipt of funds for veterans employment and training.
- Sec. 7. Study on value and utility of a skill credential registry.
- Sec. 8. Minimum funding levels for disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives.
- Sec. 9. Off-base transition training.
- Sec. 10. Expansion of contracting goals and preferences of Department of Veterans Affairs to include small business concerns 100 percent but conditionally owned by veterans.
- Sec. 11. Modification of treatment under contracting goals and preferences of Department of Veterans Affairs for small businesses owned by veterans of small businesses after death of disabled veteran owners.
- Sec. 12. Treatment of businesses after deaths of servicemember-owners for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences.
- Sec. 13. Special rule for treatment under contracting goals and preferences of Department of Veterans Affairs of small business concerns licensed in community property States.
- Sec. 14. 100 percent continuous levy on payment to medicare providers and suppliers.
- Sec. 15. Extension of modified pension for certain veterans covered by medicaid plans for services furnished by nursing facilities.
- Sec. 16. Revocation or denial of passport in case of certain unpaid taxes.
- Sec. 17. Time for payment of corporate estimated taxes.
- Sec. 18. Scoring of budgetary effects.

1 **SEC. 2. VETERANS JOBS CORPS.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
 4 Affairs shall, in cooperation with the Attorney Gen-
 5 eral, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
 6 Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the
 7 Secretary of the Interior, and the Commanding Gen-
 8 eral of the United States Army Corps of Engineers,
 9 establish a veterans jobs corps to employ veterans—

10 (A) in conservation, resource management,
 11 and historic preservation projects on public

lands and maintenance and improvement projects for cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the National Cemetery Administration; and

(B) as firefighters and law enforcement officers.

(2) ADVISORY INPUT.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor may provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with advice regarding the establishment of the veterans jobs corps.

(b) CONSERVATION, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As part of the veterans jobs corps, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers shall—

(A) employ veterans to carry out projects described in subsection (a)(1); or

(B) award grants to, or enter into contracts with, State governments, local governments, tribal governments, or nongovernmental entities to employ veterans to carry out projects described in subsection (a)(1).

1 (2) PRIORITY.—In employing or awarding
2 grants or contracts to employ veterans under this
3 subsection, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the
4 Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Com-
5 merce, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Com-
6 manding General of the United States Army Corps
7 of Engineers shall give priority towards the employ-
8 ment of veterans who served on active duty in the
9 Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001.

10 (3) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Vet-
11 erans Affairs shall coordinate the activities of the
12 Attorney General, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
13 Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland
14 Security, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Com-
15 manding General of the United States Army Corps
16 of Engineers to employ veterans as part of the vet-
17 erans job corps.

18 (4) OVERSIGHT OF PROJECTS.—The secretaries
19 referred to in paragraph (1) and the Commanding
20 General of the United States Army Corps of Engi-
21 neers shall each provide oversight of the projects for
22 which they employ veterans under subparagraph (A)
23 of such paragraph or award grants or enter into
24 contracts under subparagraph (B) of such para-
25 graph.

1 (c) FIRST RESPONDERS.—

2 (1) FIREFIGHTERS.—As part of the veterans
3 jobs corps, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
4 award grants under section 34 of the Federal Fire
5 Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C.
6 2229a) to hire veterans as firefighters.

7 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—As part of
8 the veterans jobs corps, the Attorney General shall
9 award grants under part Q of title I of the Omnibus
10 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
11 U.S.C. 3796dd et seq.) to hire veterans as law en-
12 forcement officers.

13 (3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
14 subsection to hire veterans, the Secretary of Home-
15 land Security and the Attorney General shall give
16 priority to the hiring of veterans who served on ac-
17 tive duty in the Armed Forces on or after September
18 11, 2001.

19 (d) ASSISTANCE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
21 Affairs may provide assistance to the secretaries de-
22 scribed in subsection (a), the Attorney General, and
23 the Commanding General of the United States Army
24 Corps of Engineers to carry out the veterans jobs

corps. Such assistance may take the form of a transfer under paragraph (2).

(2) TRANSFERS.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may transfer such amounts as the Secretary considers appropriate to carry out the veterans jobs corps to the following:

(A) The Attorney General.

(B) The Secretary of Agriculture.

(C) The Secretary of Commerce.

(D) The Secretary of Homeland Security.

(E) The Secretary of the Interior.

(F) The Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(3) ASSISTANCE FOR CONSERVATION, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.—

(A) APPLICATION.—If a secretary referred to in subsection (b)(1) or the Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers seeks assistance under paragraph (1) to employ a veteran to carry out a project

1 under subparagraph (A) of subsection (b)(1) or
2 to award a grant or contract to carry out a
3 project under subparagraph (B) of such sub-
4 section, such secretary or the Commanding
5 General shall submit to the Secretary of Vet-
6 erans Affairs an application therefor at such
7 time, in such manner, and containing such in-
8 formation as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9 may require.

10 (B) SELECTION.—The Secretary of Vet-
11 erans Affairs shall, in consultation with the
12 steering committee established under subpara-
13 graph (C), award assistance under this para-
14 graph in accordance with such criteria as the
15 steering committee establishes.

16 (C) STEERING COMMITTEE.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
18 Veterans Affairs shall establish a steering
19 committee—

20 (I) to establish selection criteria
21 for the awarding of assistance under
22 paragraph (1) to employ a veteran to
23 carry out a project under subpara-
24 graph (A) of subsection (b)(1) or to
25 award a grant or contract to carry out

1 a project under subparagraph (B) of
2 such subsection; and

3 (II) to provide the Secretary of
4 Veterans Affairs with advice on
5 awarding assistance under this sub-
6 section with respect to projects de-
7 scribed in subsection (a)(1) and car-
8 rying out the veterans jobs corps
9 under subsection (b).

10 (ii) COMPOSITION.—The steering com-
11 mittee shall be composed of the following:

12 (I) The Secretary of Veterans Af-
13 fairs.

14 (II) The Secretary of Agri-
15 culture.

16 (III) The Secretary of Com-
17 merce.

18 (IV) The Secretary of the Inte-
19 rior.

20 (V) The Commanding General of
21 the United States Army Corps of En-
22 gineers.

23 (iii) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson
24 of the steering committee shall be the Sec-
25 retary of Veterans Affairs.

1 (iv) ADVISORY INPUT.—The Secretary
2 of Defense and the Secretary of Labor may
3 provide advice to the steering committee.

4 (4) ASSISTANCE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.—Not
5 more than 10 percent of amounts appropriated or
6 otherwise made available to the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs to carry out this section may be trans-
8 ferred to the Attorney General and the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security to employ veterans under sub-
10 section (c).

11 (e) REPORTING FRAMEWORK.—The Secretary of Vet-
12 erans Affairs shall establish a reporting framework to reg-
13 ularly monitor and evaluate the veterans jobs corps to en-
14 sure proper oversight and accountability of the veterans
15 jobs corps.

16 (f) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
17 shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, ensure
18 that veterans employed under the veterans jobs corps are
19 aware of benefits and assistance available to them under
20 laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
21 and benefits and assistance available to them under laws
22 administered by the Secretary of Labor, particularly with
23 respect to education, training, and related benefits that
24 might complement their employment under the veterans
25 jobs corps.

1 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is available without
3 further appropriation to the Secretary of Veterans
4 Affairs to carry out this section, \$1,000,000,000 for
5 the period of fiscal years 2012 through 2017.

6 (2) LIMITATION.—Of amounts made appro-
7 priated or otherwise made available to carry out this
8 section, not more than five percent may be spent to
9 administer the veterans jobs corps.

10 (h) VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section, the term
11 “veteran” has the meaning given the term in section 101
12 of title 38, United States Code.

13 **SEC. 3. EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS WITH THE FEDERAL**
14 **GOVERNMENT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4214 of title 38, United
16 States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 “(4)(A) The requirement under this section is in ad-
20 dition to the appointment of qualified covered veterans
21 under the authority under paragraph (1) by the Depart-
22 ment of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

23 “(B) The head of each agency, in consultation with
24 the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, shall
25 develop a plan for exercising the authority under para-

1 graph (1) during the five-year period beginning on the
2 date of enactment of the Careers for Veterans Act of
3 2012.

4 “(C) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
5 ment shall ensure that under the plans developed under
6 subparagraph (B) agencies shall appoint to existing vacan-
7 cies not fewer than 10,000 qualified covered veterans dur-
8 ing the five-year period beginning on the date of enact-
9 ment of the Careers for Veterans Act of 2012.”;

10 (2) in subsection (d), in the third sentence, by
11 inserting “(including, during the 5-year period be-
12 ginning on the date of enactment of the Careers for
13 Veterans Act of 2012, the development and imple-
14 mentation by each agency of the plan required under
15 subsection (b)(4), which shall include information re-
16 garding the grade or pay level of appointments by
17 the agency under the plan and whether the appoint-
18 ments are, or are converted to, career or career-con-
19 ditional appointments)” after “subsection (b) of this
20 section”; and

21 (3) in subsection (e)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)—

23 (i) in the matter before subparagraph

24 (A), by striking “to the Congress” and in-

1 serting “to the appropriate committees of
2 Congress”; and

3 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
4 “(including, during the 5-year period be-
5 ginning on the date of enactment of the
6 Careers for Veterans Act of 2012, the de-
7 velopment and implementation by the
8 agency of the plan required under sub-
9 section (b)(4), which shall include informa-
10 tion regarding the grade or pay level of ap-
11 pointments by the agency under the plan
12 and whether the appointments are, or are
13 converted to, permanent appointments)”
14 before the period; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate com-
18 mittees of Congress’ means—

19 “(A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and
20 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
21 mental Affairs of the Senate; and

22 “(B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and
23 the Committee on Oversight and Government Re-
24 form of the House of Representatives.”.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Per-
3 sonnel Management shall submit to the appropriate com-
4 mittees of Congress (as defined under section 4214(e)(3)
5 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by subsection
6 (a)) regarding the development of a plan to carry out the
7 amendments made by subsection (a).

8 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RECOGNIZE MILITARY**
9 **EXPERIENCE OF VETERANS WHEN ISSUING**
10 **LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS TO VETERANS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4102A(c) of title 38,
12 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
13 following new paragraph:

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

18 “(i) establish a program under which the State
19 administers an examination to each veteran seeking
20 a license or credential issued by the State and issues
21 such license or credential to such veteran without re-
22 quiring such veteran to undergo any training or ap-
23 prenticeship if the veteran—

1 “(I) receives a satisfactory score on com-
2 pletion of such examination, as determined by
3 the State; and

4 “(II) has not less than 10 years of experi-
5 ence in a military occupational specialty that,
6 as determined by the State, is similar to a civil-
7 ian occupation for which such license or creden-
8 tial is required by the State; and

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

17 “(B) Not less frequently than once each year, the
18 Secretary shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of
19 Defense a report summarizing the information received by
20 the Secretary under subparagraph (A)(ii).”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

22 (1) EXAMS.—Subparagraph (A) of section
23 4102A(c)(9) of such title, as added by subsection
24 (a), shall take effect on the date that is one year
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall

1 apply with respect to grants and contracts described
2 in such subparagraph awarded after such date.

3 (2) REPORTS.—Subparagraph (B) of section
4 4102A(c)(9), as added by subsection (a), shall take
5 effect on the date that is one year after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act and the Secretary of
7 Labor shall submit the first report under such sub-
8 paragraph not later than two years after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 5. SUPPORT FOR JOB SEARCHES OF VETERANS**
11 **THROUGH ONE-STOP CENTERS.**

12 (a) FURNISHING OF LIST OF INTERNET RE-
13 SOURCES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the
14 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall furnish
15 each one-stop center with a list of all Internet websites
16 and applications that the Secretary has identified as bene-
17 ficial for veterans in pursuit of employment to their pur-
18 suit.

19 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.—
20 The Secretary shall coordinate with public and private sec-
21 tor entities to identify Internet websites and applications
22 not already included in a list furnished under subsection
23 (a) that—

1 (1) match veterans seeking employment with
2 available jobs based on the skills the veterans ac-
3 quired as members of the Armed Forces; and

4 (2) allow employers to post information about
5 available jobs.

6 (c) SUPPLEMENTS.—The Secretary of Labor shall
7 furnish each one-stop center with a list of Internet
8 websites and applications identified under subsection (b).

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 455 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall
11 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
12 on the use of the Internet websites and applications identi-
13 fied under subsection (b) for the benefit of veterans in
14 pursuit of employment.

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
17 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
18 gress” means—

19 (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
20 and the Committee on Health, Education,
21 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

22 (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
23 and the Committee on Education and the
24 Workforce of the House of Representatives.

1 (2) ONE-STOP CENTER.—The term “one-stop
2 center” means a center described in section 134(c)
3 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
4 2864(c)).

5 **SEC. 6. STATE CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY TRAINING IN**
6 **GRANTING CERTAIN STATE CERTIFICATIONS**
7 **AND LICENSES AS A CONDITION ON THE RE-**
8 **CEIPT OF FUNDS FOR VETERANS EMPLOY-**
9 **MENT AND TRAINING.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4102A(c) of title 38,
11 United States Code, as amended by section 4, is further
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(10)(A) As a condition of a grant or contract under
14 which funds are made available to a State in order to carry
15 out section 4103A or 4104 of this title for any program
16 year, the Secretary shall require the State—

17 “(i) to demonstrate that when the State ap-
18 proves or denies a certification or license described
19 in subparagraph (B) for a veteran the State takes
20 into consideration any training received or experi-
21 ence gained by the veteran while serving on active
22 duty in the Armed Forces; and

23 “(ii) to disclose to the Secretary in writing the
24 following:

1 “(I) Criteria applicants must satisfy to re-
2 ceive a certification or license described in sub-
3 paragraph (B) by the State.

4 “(II) A description of the standard prac-
5 tices of the State for evaluating training re-
6 ceived by veterans while serving on active duty
7 in the Armed Forces and evaluating the docu-
8 mented work experience of such veterans during
9 such service for purposes of approving or deny-
10 ing a certification or license described in sub-
11 paragraph (B).

12 “(III) Identification of areas in which
13 training and experience described in subclause
14 (II) fails to meet criteria described in subclause
15 (I).”

16 “(B) A certification or license described in this sub-
17 paragraph is any of the following that is issued or awarded
18 by a State:

19 “(i) A license to be a State tested nursing as-
20 sistant or a certified nursing assistant.

21 “(ii) A commercial driver’s license.

22 “(iii) An emergency medical technician license
23 EMT–B or EMT–I.

24 “(iv) An emergency medical technician–para-
25 medic license.

1 “(C) The Secretary shall share the information the
2 Secretary receives under subparagraph (A)(ii) with the
3 Secretary of Defense to help the Secretary of Defense im-
4 prove training for military occupational specialties so that
5 individuals who receive such training are able to receive
6 a certification or license described in subparagraph (B)
7 from a State.

8 “(D) The Secretary of Defense shall provide technical
9 assistance and guidance to States on the training mem-
10 bers of the Armed Forces receive for military occupational
11 specialties so that States can make informed decisions
12 with respect to certifying and licensing veterans.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the first program
15 year that begins on or after the date that is one year after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act and each program
17 year thereafter.

18 (c) MODIFICATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR
19 MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES.—The Secretary
20 of Defense shall work with certification and licensing orga-
21 nizations and the Secretary of Labor to identify com-
22 monalities between military occupational specialties and
23 civilian occupations and may revise the training programs
24 for military occupational specialties so that members of
25 the Armed Forces who complete such training programs

1 develop the skills required for certification or licensing in
2 civilian occupations that are similar to the military occu-
3 pational specialties for which they were trained in the
4 Armed Forces.

5 **SEC. 7. STUDY ON VALUE AND UTILITY OF A SKILL CRE-**
6 **DENTIAL REGISTRY.**

7 (a) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—The Secretary of Labor
8 and the Secretary of Education, in consultation with Sec-
9 retary of Commerce, shall jointly conduct a study to deter-
10 mine the value and utility of a registry of recognized post-
11 secondary credentials valued by employers, individuals,
12 providers of education and training, economic development
13 professionals, State and local officials, and other relevant
14 stakeholders.

15 (b) CONTENTS.—The study in subsection (a) shall
16 address, at a minimum, the following:

17 (1) The type of organization, or consortium of
18 organizations, that should manage or operate such a
19 registry.

20 (2) The administration of such a registry, espe-
21 cially how such administration would be supported
22 with non-Federal funds.

23 (3) How such a registry would be maintained
24 and kept current so as to be of greatest value.

1 (4) How the quality and integrity of the creden-
2 tials cataloged in such a registry would be ensured,
3 so as to be of the greatest value.

4 (5) How the contents of such a registry could
5 inform the provision of education and training serv-
6 ices through Federal education and workforce devel-
7 opment programs.

8 (6) How such a registry would be marketed and
9 utilized so as to be of greatest value.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor and
12 the Secretary of Education shall jointly submit to the
13 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
14 the Senate and the Committee on Education and the
15 Workforce of the House of Representatives a report on
16 the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

17 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Labor
19 and the Secretary of Education \$250,000 to conduct the
20 study required by subsection (a).

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED.—The term “indus-
23 try-recognized”, used with respect to a credential,
24 means a credential that—

1 (A) is sought or accepted by employers
2 within the industry sector involved as recog-
3 nized, preferred, or required for recruitment,
4 screening, hiring, or advancement;

5 (B) is endorsed by a recognized trade or
6 professional association or organization, rep-
7 resenting a significant part of the industry sec-
8 tor; and

9 (C) is a nationally portable credential,
10 meaning a credential that is sought or accepted,
11 across multiple States, as described in subpara-
12 graph (A).

13 (2) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-
14 TIAL.—The term “recognized postsecondary creden-
15 tial” means a credential consisting of an industry-
16 recognized credential for postsecondary training, a
17 certificate that meets the requirements of subpara-
18 graphs (A) and (C) of paragraph (1) for postsec-
19 ondary training, a certificate of completion of a post-
20 secondary apprenticeship through a program de-
21 scribed in Section 122(a)(2)(B) of the Workforce In-
22 vestment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2842(a)(2)(B)), or
23 an associate degree or baccalaureate degree awarded
24 by an institution of higher education (as defined in

1 section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
2 (20 U.S.C. 1001 (a))).

3 **SEC. 8. MINIMUM FUNDING LEVELS FOR DISABLED VET-**
4 **ERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS**
5 **AND LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REP-**
6 **RESENTATIVES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (iii) of section
8 4102A(c)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
9 ed to read as follows:

10 “(iii)(I) In carrying out this paragraph, the Secretary
11 shall establish minimum funding levels and hold-harmless
12 criteria for States.

13 “(II) Except as provided in subclause (III), at a min-
14 imum, the minimum funding levels established under sub-
15 clause (I) shall ensure that each State receives sufficient
16 funding to support at least one disabled veterans’ outreach
17 program specialist appointed under section 4103A(a)(1)
18 of this title and one local veterans’ employment represent-
19 ative assigned under section 4104(b) of this title per 5,000
20 square miles of service delivery area within the State.

21 “(III) In determining minimum funding levels under
22 subclause (II), the Secretary may exclude consideration of
23 counties with a population density of less than one person
24 per square mile.”.

25 (b) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Labor shall submit to Congress a report on
4 the effect of the amendment made by subsection (a)
5 on veterans who reside in highly rural areas.

6 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
7 graph (1) shall include the following:

8 (A) A description of the effect of the
9 amendment made by subsection (a) on veterans
10 who reside in highly rural areas.

11 (B) Such recommendations for legislative
12 or administrative action as the Secretary con-
13 siders appropriate to improve the provision of
14 contracts and grants under section 4102A(b)(5)
15 of such title to meet the needs of veterans who
16 reside in highly rural areas and are eligible for
17 services furnished under chapter 41 of such
18 title.

19 (3) HIGHLY RURAL DEFINED.—In this sub-
20 section, the term “highly rural”, in the case of an
21 area, means that the area consists of a county or
22 counties having a population of less than seven per-
23 sons per square mile.

1 **SEC. 9. OFF-BASE TRANSITION TRAINING.**

2 (a) PROVISION OF OFF-BASE TRANSITION TRAIN-
3 ING.—During the three-year period beginning on the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall
5 provide the Transition Assistance Program under section
6 1144 of title 10, United States Code, to eligible individuals
7 at locations other than military installations in not less
8 than three and not more than five States selected by the
9 Secretary.

10 (b) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—In selecting States
11 in which to carry out the training under subsection (a),
12 the Secretary shall select the States with the highest rates
13 of veteran unemployment. The Secretary shall provide
14 such training to veterans at a sufficient number of loca-
15 tions within the selected States to meet the need. The Sec-
16 retary shall select such locations to facilitate access by
17 participants and may not select any location on a military
18 installation other than a National Guard or reserve facility
19 that is not located on an active duty military installation.

20 (c) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this
21 section, an eligible individual is a veteran or the spouse
22 of a veteran.

23 (d) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ABOUT VETERANS
24 BENEFITS.—The Secretary shall ensure that the training
25 provided under subsection (a) generally follows the content

1 of the Transition Assistance Program under section 1144
2 of title 10, United States Code.

3 (e) INTEGRATING SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS.—The
4 Secretary of Labor shall include in any contract entered
5 into pursuant to section 1144 of title 10, United States
6 Code, or section 4113 of title 38, United States Code, a
7 requirement to include experts in subject matters relating
8 to human resources practices, including resume writing,
9 interviewing and job searching skills, and the provision of
10 information about post-secondary education.

11 (f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of
12 any year during which the Secretary provides training
13 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Con-
14 gress a report on the provision of such training.

15 (g) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
16 than 180 days after the termination of the three-year pe-
17 riod described in subsection (a), the Comptroller General
18 of the United States shall submit to Congress a report
19 on the training provided under such subsection. The re-
20 port shall include the evaluation of the Comptroller Gen-
21 eral regarding the feasibility of carrying out off-base tran-
22 sition training at locations nationwide.

1 **SEC. 10. EXPANSION OF CONTRACTING GOALS AND PREF-**
2 **ERENCES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
3 **FAIRS TO INCLUDE SMALL BUSINESS CON-**
4 **CERNS 100 PERCENT BUT CONDITIONALLY**
5 **OWNED BY VETERANS.**

6 Section 8127(l) of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “uncondition-
9 ally” before “owned by” each place it appears; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(3) The term ‘unconditionally owned’ includes,
13 with respect to ownership of a small business con-
14 cern, conditional ownership of such small business
15 concern if such business concern is 100 percent
16 owned by one or more veterans.”.

17 **SEC. 11. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT UNDER CON-**
18 **TRACTING GOALS AND PREFERENCES OF DE-**
19 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR**
20 **SMALL BUSINESSES OWNED BY VETERANS OF**
21 **SMALL BUSINESSES AFTER DEATH OF DIS-**
22 **ABLED VETERAN OWNERS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8127(h) of title 38,
24 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “rated as”
2 and all that follows through “disability.” and insert-
3 ing a period; and

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by amending subpara-
5 graph (C) to read as follows:

6 “(C) The date that—

7 “(i) in the case of a surviving spouse of a
8 veteran with a service-connected disability rated
9 as 100 percent disabling or who dies as a result
10 of a service-connected disability, is 10 years
11 after the date of the veteran’s death; or

12 “(ii) in the case of a surviving spouse of a
13 veteran with a service-connected disability rated
14 as less than 100 percent disabling who does not
15 die as a result of a service-connected disability,
16 is three years after the date of the veteran’s
17 death.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
21 apply with respect to contracts awarded on or after such
22 date.

1 **SEC. 12. TREATMENT OF BUSINESSES AFTER DEATHS OF**
2 **SERVICEMEMBER-OWNERS FOR PURPOSES**
3 **OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
4 **CONTRACTING GOALS AND PREFERENCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8127 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (i) through (l)
8 as subsections (j) through (m), respectively; and

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

11 “(i) TREATMENT OF BUSINESSES AFTER DEATH OF
12 SERVICEMEMBER-OWNER.—(1) If a member of the Armed
13 Forces owns at least 51 percent of a small business con-
14 cern and such member is killed in line of duty in the active
15 military, naval, or air service, the surviving spouse or de-
16 pendent of such member who acquires such ownership
17 rights in such small business concern shall, for the period
18 described in paragraph (2), be treated as if the surviving
19 spouse or dependent were a veteran with a service-con-
20 nected disability for purposes of determining the status
21 of the small business concern as a small business concern
22 owned and controlled by veterans for purposes of con-
23 tracting goals and preferences under this section.

24 “(2) The period referred to in paragraph (1) is the
25 period beginning on the date on which the member of the
26 Armed Forces dies and ending on the date as follows:

1 “(A) In the case of a surviving spouse, the ear-
2 liest of the following dates:

3 “(i) The date on which the surviving
4 spouse remarries.

5 “(ii) The date on which the surviving
6 spouse relinquishes an ownership interest in the
7 small business concern and no longer owns at
8 least 51 percent of such small business concern.

9 “(iii) The date that is ten years after the
10 date of the member’s death.

11 “(B) In the case of a dependent who is not a
12 spouse, the earliest of the following dates:

13 “(i) The date on which the surviving de-
14 pendant relinquishes an ownership interest in
15 the small business concern and no longer owns
16 at least 51 percent of such small business con-
17 cern.

18 “(ii) The date that is ten years after the
19 date of the member’s death.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (i) of section
21 8127 of such title, as added by subsection (a), shall take
22 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
23 apply with respect to the deaths of members of the Armed
24 Forces occurring on or after such date.

1 **SEC. 13. SPECIAL RULE FOR TREATMENT UNDER CON-**
 2 **TRACTING GOALS AND PREFERENCES OF DE-**
 3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF SMALL**
 4 **BUSINESS CONCERNS LICENSED IN COMMU-**
 5 **NITY PROPERTY STATES.**

6 Section 8127 of title 38, United States Code, as
 7 amended by section 12, is further amended by adding at
 8 the end the following new subsection:

9 “(n) SPECIAL RULE FOR COMMUNITY PROPERTY
 10 STATES.—Whenever the Secretary assesses, for purposes
 11 of this section, the degree of ownership by an individual
 12 of a small business concern licensed in a community prop-
 13 erty State, the Secretary shall also assess what that degree
 14 of ownership would be if such small business concern had
 15 been licensed in a State other than a community property
 16 State. If the Secretary determines that such individual
 17 would have had a greater degree of ownership of the small
 18 business concern had such small business concern been li-
 19 censed in a State other than a community property State,
 20 the Secretary shall treat, for purposes of this section, such
 21 small business concern as if it had been licensed in a State
 22 other than a community property State.”.

23 **SEC. 14. 100 PERCENT CONTINUOUS LEVY ON PAYMENT TO**
 24 **MEDICARE PROVIDERS AND SUPPLIERS.**

25 Paragraph (3) of section 6331(h) of the Internal Rev-
 26 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking the period at

1 the end and inserting “, or, with respect to payments
 2 made on or after the date which is 180 days after the
 3 date of the enactment of the Veterans Jobs Corps Act of
 4 2012, to a Medicare provider or supplier under title XVIII
 5 of the Social Security Act.”.

6 **SEC. 15. EXTENSION OF MODIFIED PENSION FOR CERTAIN**
 7 **VETERANS COVERED BY MEDICAID PLANS**
 8 **FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY NURSING FA-**
 9 **CILITIES.**

10 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
 11 is amended by striking “September 30, 2016” and insert-
 12 ing “March 31, 2017”.

13 **SEC. 16. REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF PASSPORT IN CASE**
 14 **OF CERTAIN UNPAID TAXES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter D of chapter 75 of the
 16 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at
 17 the end the following new section:

18 **“SEC. 7345. REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF PASSPORT IN CASE**
 19 **OF CERTAIN TAX DELINQUENCIES.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary receives certifi-
 21 cation by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that any
 22 individual has a seriously delinquent tax debt in an
 23 amount in excess of \$50,000, the Secretary shall transmit
 24 such certification to the Secretary of State for action with
 25 respect to denial, revocation, or limitation of a passport

1 pursuant to section 16(d) of the Veterans Jobs Corps Act
2 of 2012.

3 “(b) SERIOUSLY DELINQUENT TAX DEBT.—For pur-
4 poses of this section, the term ‘seriously delinquent tax
5 debt’ means an outstanding debt under this title for which
6 a notice of lien has been filed in public records pursuant
7 to section 6323 or a notice of levy has been filed pursuant
8 to section 6331, except that such term does not include—

9 “(1) a debt that is being paid in a timely man-
10 ner pursuant to an agreement under section 6159 or
11 7122, and

12 “(2) a debt with respect to which collection is
13 suspended because a collection due process hearing
14 under section 6330, or relief under subsection (b),
15 (c), or (f) of section 6015, is requested or pending.

16 “(c) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—In the case of
17 a calendar year beginning after 2012, the dollar amount
18 in subsection (a) shall be increased by an amount equal
19 to—

20 “(1) such dollar amount, multiplied by

21 “(2) the cost-of-living adjustment determined
22 under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year, deter-
23 mined by substituting ‘calendar year 2011’ for ‘cal-
24 endar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

1 If any amount as adjusted under the preceding sentence
 2 is not a multiple of \$1,000, such amount shall be rounded
 3 to the next highest multiple of \$1,000.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 5 for subchapter D of chapter 75 of the Internal Revenue
 6 Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 7 lowing new item:

“Sec. 7345. Revocation or denial of passport in case of certain tax delin-
 quencies.”.

8 (c) AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION SHARING.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (l) of section
 10 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
 11 amended by adding at the end the following new
 12 paragraph:

13 “(23) DISCLOSURE OF RETURN INFORMATION
 14 TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PURPOSES OF PASS-
 15 PORT REVOCATION UNDER SECTION 7345.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,
 17 upon receiving a certification described in sec-
 18 tion 7345, disclose to the Secretary of State re-
 19 turn information with respect to a taxpayer who
 20 has a seriously delinquent tax debt described in
 21 such section. Such return information shall be
 22 limited to—

23 “(i) the taxpayer identity information
 24 with respect to such taxpayer, and

1 “(ii) the amount of such seriously de-
2 linquent tax debt.

3 “(B) RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE.—Re-
4 turn information disclosed under subparagraph
5 (A) may be used by officers and employees of
6 the Department of State for the purposes of,
7 and to the extent necessary in, carrying out the
8 requirements of section 16(d) of the Veterans
9 Jobs Corps Act of 2012.”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (4)
11 of section 6103(p) of such Code is amended by strik-
12 ing “or (22)” each place it appears in subparagraph
13 (F)(ii) and in the matter preceding subparagraph
14 (A) and inserting “(22), or (23)”.

15 (d) AUTHORITY TO DENY OR REVOKE PASSPORT.—

16 (1) DENIAL.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
18 under subparagraph (B), upon receiving a cer-
19 tification described in section 7345 of the Inter-
20 nal Revenue Code of 1986 from the Secretary
21 of the Treasury, the Secretary of State may not
22 issue a passport to any individual who has a se-
23 riously delinquent tax debt described in such
24 section.

1 (B) EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN SIT-
2 UATIONS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),
3 the Secretary of State may issue a passport, in
4 emergency circumstances or for humanitarian
5 reasons, to an individual described in subpara-
6 graph (A).

7 (2) REVOCATION.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State
9 may revoke a passport previously issued to any
10 individual described in paragraph (1)(A).

11 (B) LIMITATION FOR RETURN TO UNITED
12 STATES.—If the Secretary of State decides to
13 revoke a passport under subparagraph (A), the
14 Secretary of State, before revocation, may—

15 (i) limit a previously issued passport
16 only for return travel to the United States;
17 or

18 (ii) issue a limited passport that only
19 permits return travel to the United States.

20 (3) HOLD HARMLESS.—The Secretary of the
21 Treasury and the Secretary of State shall not be lia-
22 ble to an individual for any action with respect to a
23 certification by the Commissioner of Internal Rev-
24 enue under section 7345 of the Internal Revenue
25 Code of 1986.

1 (e) REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF PASSPORT IN CASE
2 OF INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT
3 NUMBER.—

4 (1) DENIAL.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
6 under subparagraph (B), upon receiving an ap-
7 plication for a passport from an individual that
8 either—

9 (i) does not include the social security
10 account number issued to that individual,
11 or

12 (ii) includes an incorrect or invalid so-
13 cial security number willfully, intentionally,
14 negligently, or recklessly provided by such
15 individual,

16 the Secretary of State is authorized to deny
17 such application and is authorized to not issue
18 a passport to the individual.

19 (B) EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN SIT-
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21 the Secretary of State may issue a passport, in
22 emergency circumstances or for humanitarian
23 reasons, to an individual described in subpara-
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 5 STATES.—If the Secretary of State decides to
 6 revoke a passport under subparagraph (A), the
 7 Secretary of State, before revocation, may—

8 (i) limit a previously issued passport
 9 only for return travel to the United States;
 10 or

11 (ii) issue a limited passport that only
 12 permits return travel to the United States.

13 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of, and
 14 amendments made by, this section shall take effect on
 15 January 1, 2013.

16 **SEC. 17. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF CORPORATE ESTIMATED**
 17 **TAXES.**

18 Notwithstanding section 6655 of the Internal Rev-
 19 enue Code of 1986, in the case of a corporation with assets
 20 of not less than \$1,000,000,000 (determined as of the end
 21 of the preceding taxable year)—

22 (1) the amount of any required installment of
 23 corporate estimated tax which is otherwise due in
 24 July, August, or September of 2013 shall be in-
 25 creased by 0.25 percent of such amount (determined

1 without regard to any increase in such amount not
2 contained in such Code);

3 (2) the amount of any required installment of
4 corporate estimated tax which is otherwise due in
5 July, August, or September of 2017 shall be in-
6 creased by 0.50 percent of such amount (determined
7 without regard to any increase in such amount not
8 contained in such Code); and

9 (3) the amount of the next required installment
10 after an installment referred to in paragraph (1) or
11 (2) shall be appropriately reduced to reflect the
12 amount of the increase by reason of such paragraph.

13 **SEC. 18. SCORING OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

14 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
15 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
16 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
17 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
18 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
19 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
20 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
21 vote on passage.

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