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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2012

Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Helping Iraq and Af-
5 ghanistan Veterans Return to Employment at Home Act”
6 or the “HIRE at HOME Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY TRAINING IN**
 2 **GRANTING CERTAIN STATE CERTIFICATIONS**
 3 **AND LICENSES AS A CONDITION ON THE RE-**
 4 **CEIPT OF FUNDS FOR VETERANS EMPLOY-**
 5 **MENT AND TRAINING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4102A(c) of title 38,
 7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
 8 following:

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

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

19 “(ii) to disclose to the Secretary in writing the
 20 following:

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

24 “(II) A description of the standard prac-
 25 tices of the State for evaluating training re-
 26 ceived by veterans while serving on active duty

1 in the Armed Forces and evaluating the docu-
2 mented work experience of such veterans during
3 such service for purposes of approving or deny-
4 ing a certification or license described in sub-
5 paragraph (B).

6 “(III) Identification of areas in which
7 training and experience described in subclause
8 (II) fails to meet criteria described in subclause
9 (I).”

10 “(B) A certification or license described in this sub-
11 paragraph is any of the following:

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

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

15 “(iii) An emergency medical technician license
16 EMT–B or EMT–I.

17 “(iv) An emergency medical technician–para-
18 medic license.

19 “(C) The Secretary shall share the information the
20 Secretary receives under subparagraph (A)(ii) with the
21 Secretary of Defense to help the Secretary of Defense im-
22 prove training for military occupational specialties so that
23 individuals who receive such training are able to receive
24 a certification or license described in subparagraph (B)
25 from a State.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a program year
3 beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act.

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