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To amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURR 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RECOGNIZE MILI-**
2 **TARY EXPERIENCE OF VETERANS WHEN**
3 **ISSUING LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS TO**
4 **VETERANS.**

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

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

12 “(i) establish a program under which the State
13 administers an examination to each veteran seeking
14 a license or credential issued by the State and issues
15 such license or credential to such veteran without re-
16 quiring such veteran to undergo any training or ap-
17 prenticeship if the veteran—

18 “(I) receives a satisfactory score on com-
19 pletion of such examination, as determined by
20 the State; and

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

1 “(ii) submit each year to the Secretary a report
2 on the exams administered under clause (i) during
3 the most recently completed 12-month period that
4 includes, for the period covered by the report the
5 number of veterans who completed an exam adminis-
6 tered by the State under clause (i) and a description
7 of the results of such exams, disaggregated by occu-
8 pational field.

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

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

14 (1) EXAMS.—Subparagraph (A) of section
15 4102A(c)(9) of such title, as added by subsection
16 (a), shall take effect on the date that is one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
18 apply with respect to grants and contracts described
19 in such subparagraph awarded after such date.

20 (2) REPORTS.—Subparagraph (B) of section
21 4102A(c)(9), as added by subsection (a), shall take
22 effect on the date that is one year after the date of
23 the enactment of this Act and the Secretary of
24 Labor shall submit the first report under such sub-

- 1 paragraph not later than two years after the date of
- 2 the enactment of this Act.

