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To provide for the assignment of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners-Adult/
Adolescent to brigades and equivalent units of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Sexual Assault Nurse
5 Examiner Deployment Act” or “SANE Deployment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS-ADULT/ADO-**
7 **LESCENT.**

8 (a) ASSIGNMENT TO CERTAIN MILITARY UNITS.—
9 Section 584 of the National Defense Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 1561
2 note) is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
4 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

5 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
6 lowing new subsection (c):

7 “(c) SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS-ADULT/
8 ADOLESCENT.—

9 “(1) ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
10 retary of each military department shall assign at
11 least one Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Adult/Ad-
12 olescent to each brigade or equivalent unit level of
13 each armed force under the jurisdiction of that Sec-
14 retary unless assignment to other units is deter-
15 mined to be more practicable and effective by the
16 Secretary of Defense. The Secretary of the military
17 department concerned may assign additional Sexual
18 Assault Nurse Examiners-Adult/Adolescent as nec-
19 essary based on the demographics or needs of a mili-
20 tary unit. The Secretary of the military department
21 concerned may waive the assignment requirement
22 for a specific unit level if that Secretary determines
23 that compliance will impose an undue burden, except
24 that the Secretary shall notify Congress of each

1 waiver and explain how compliance would impose an
2 undue burden.

3 “(2) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—On and after Octo-
4 ber 1, 2015, only members of the armed forces and
5 civilian employees of the Department of Defense
6 may be assigned to duty as a Sexual Assault Nurse
7 Examiner-Adult/Adolescent. The Secretary of the
8 military department concerned may satisfy para-
9 graph (1) through the assignment of additional per-
10 sonnel to a unit or by assigning the duties of a Sex-
11 ual Assault Nurse Examiner-Adult/Adolescent to
12 current personnel of the unit, so long as such per-
13 sonnel meet the training and certification require-
14 ments of subsection (d).”.

15 (b) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.—Subsection (d)
16 of such section, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), is
17 amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “assigned
19 under subsection (a) and Sexual Assault Victim Ad-
20 vocates assigned under subsection (b)” and inserting
21 “, Sexual Assault Victim Advocates, and Sexual As-
22 sault Nurse Examiners-Adult/Adolescent assigned
23 under this section”;

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
25 following new sentence: “In the case of the cur-

1 riculum and other components of the program for
 2 certification of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners-
 3 Adult/Adolescent, the Secretary of Defense shall con-
 4 sult with the Commission for Forensic Nursing Cer-
 5 tification.”; and

6 (3) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the
 7 following new sentence: “On and after October 1,
 8 2015, before a member or civilian employee may be
 9 assigned to duty as a Sexual Assault Nurse Exam-
 10 iner-Adult/Adolescent under subsection (c), the
 11 member or employee must have completed the train-
 12 ing program required by paragraph (1) and obtained
 13 the certification.”.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading of such
 15 section is amended to read as follows:

16 **“SEC. 584. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATORS,**
 17 **SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATES, AND**
 18 **SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS-ADULT/**
 19 **ADOLESCENT.”.**

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