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S. 778

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue cards to veterans that identify them as veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 2013

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) 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. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE VETERANS ID CARDS.**

4 (a) AUTHORITY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs may issue a card to a veteran that identifies
7 the veteran as a veteran and includes a photo of the
8 veteran and the name of the veteran.

9 (2) NO REQUIREMENT FOR ENROLLMENT OR
10 RECEIPT OF BENEFITS.—The Secretary may issue a

1 card under paragraph (1) to a veteran, notwith-
 2 standing whether such veteran is—

3 (A) enrolled in the system of annual pa-
 4 tient enrollment established under section
 5 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code; or

6 (B) in receipt of educational assistance,
 7 compensation, or pension under laws adminis-
 8 tered by the Secretary.

9 (3) DESIGNATION.—A card issued under para-
 10 graph (1) may be known as a “Veterans ID Card”.

11 (b) RECOGNITION OF VETERANS ID CARDS FOR RE-
 12 DUCED PRICING OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND CONSUMER
 13 PRODUCTS.—The Secretary may work with national retail
 14 chains that offer reduced prices on pharmaceuticals and
 15 consumer products to veterans to ensure that such retail
 16 chains recognize cards issued under subsection (a)(1) for
 17 purposes of offering reduced prices on pharmaceuticals
 18 and consumer products.

19 (c) VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section, the term
 20 “veteran” has the meaning given the term in section 101
 21 of title 38, United States Code.

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