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H. R. 1818

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Emergency
3 Medical Technician Support Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY**
5 **MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET REQUIRE-**
6 **MENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN EMER-**
7 **GENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

8 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
10 tion 314 the following:

11 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
12 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET RE-**
13 **QUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN**
14 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

15 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a pro-
16 gram consisting of awarding demonstration grants to
17 States to streamline State requirements and procedures
18 in order to assist veterans who completed military emer-
19 gency medical technician training while serving in the
20 Armed Forces of the United States to meet certification,
21 licensure, and other requirements applicable to becoming
22 an emergency medical technician in the State.

23 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received as a dem-
24 onstration grant under this section shall be used to pre-
25 pare and implement a plan to streamline State require-

1 ments and procedures as described in subsection (a), in-
2 cluding by—

3 “(1) determining the extent to which the re-
4 quirements for the education, training, and skill level
5 of emergency medical technicians in the State are
6 equivalent to requirements for the education, train-
7 ing, and skill level of military emergency medical
8 technicians; and

9 “(2) identifying methods, such as waivers, for
10 military emergency medical technicians to forgo or
11 meet any such equivalent State requirements.

12 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under
13 this section, a State shall demonstrate that the State has
14 a shortage of emergency medical technicians.

15 “(d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the
16 Congress an annual report on the program under this sec-
17 tion.

18 “(e) FUNDING.—No additional funds are authorized
19 to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this

1 section. This section shall be carried out using amounts
2 otherwise available for such purpose.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 12, 2016.

Attest:

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Clerk.