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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Mrs. CAPPS (for herself and Mr. YOUNG of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Emergency Medic
5 Transition Act of 2012” or the “EMT Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY**
2 **MEDICAL TRAINING TO BECOME STATE-LI-**
3 **CENSED OR CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MED-**
4 **ICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTS).**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title III of the Public
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended
7 by inserting after section 314 the following:

8 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
9 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO BECOME**
10 **STATE-LICENSED OR CERTIFIED EMERGENCY**
11 **MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTS).**

12 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a pro-
13 gram consisting of awarding grants to States to assist vet-
14 erans who received and completed military emergency
15 medical training while serving in the Armed Forces of the
16 United States to become, upon their discharge or release
17 from active duty service, State-licensed or certified emer-
18 gency medical technicians.

19 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received as a grant
20 under this section may be used to assist veterans described
21 in subsection (a) to become State-licensed or certified
22 emergency medical technicians as follows:

23 “(1) Providing to such veterans required course
24 work and training that take into account, and are
25 not duplicative of, medical course work and training
26 received when such veterans were active members of

1 the Armed Forces of the United States, to enable
2 such veterans to satisfy emergency medical services
3 personnel certification requirements in the civilian
4 sector, as determined by the appropriate State regu-
5 latory entity.

6 “(2) Providing reimbursement for costs associ-
7 ated with—

8 “(A) such course work and training; or

9 “(B) applying for licensure or certification.

10 “(3) Expediting the licensing or certification
11 process.

12 “(4) Entering into an agreement with any insti-
13 tution of higher education, or other educational in-
14 stitution certified to provide course work and train-
15 ing to emergency medical personnel, for purposes of
16 providing course work and training under this sec-
17 tion if such institution has developed a suitable cur-
18 riculum that meets the requirements of paragraph
19 (1).

20 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under
21 this section, a State shall demonstrate to the Secretary’s
22 satisfaction that the State has a shortage of emergency
23 medical technicians.

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

4 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
5 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
6 priated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2013 through
7 2017.”.

8 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—The Comptroller
9 General of the United States shall—

10 (1) conduct a study on the barriers experienced
11 by veterans who received training as medical per-
12 sonnel while serving in the Armed Forces of the
13 United States and, upon their discharge or release
14 from active duty service, seek to become licensed or
15 certified in a State as civilian health professionals;
16 and

17 (2) not later than 2 years after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act, submit to the Congress a re-
19 port on the results of such study, including rec-
20 ommendations on whether the program established
21 under section 315 of the Public Health Service Act,
22 as added by subsection (a), should be expanded to
23 assist veterans seeking to become licensed or cer-

- 1 tified in a State as health providers other than emer-
- 2 gency medical technicians.

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