

In the Senate of the United States,

June 22, 2015.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 91) entitled “An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Identification*
3 *Card Act 2015”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD.***

5 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:*

6 *(1) Effective on the day before the date of the en-*
7 *actment of this Act, veteran identification cards were*
8 *issued to veterans who have either completed the stat-*
9 *utory time-in-service requirement for retirement from*

1 *the Armed Forces or who have received a medical-re-*
2 *lated discharge from the Armed Forces.*

3 *(2) Effective on the day before the date of the en-*
4 *actment of this Act, a veteran who served a minimum*
5 *obligated time in service, but who did not meet the*
6 *criteria described in paragraph (1), did not receive a*
7 *means of identifying the veteran's status as a veteran*
8 *other than using the Department of Defense form*
9 *DD-214 discharge papers of the veteran.*

10 *(3) Goods, services, and promotional activities*
11 *are often offered by public and private institutions to*
12 *veterans who demonstrate proof of service in the mili-*
13 *tary, but it is impractical for a veteran to always*
14 *carry Department of Defense form DD-214 discharge*
15 *papers to demonstrate such proof.*

16 *(4) A general purpose veteran identification card*
17 *made available to veterans would be useful to dem-*
18 *onstrate the status of the veterans without having to*
19 *carry and use official Department of Defense form*
20 *DD-214 discharge papers.*

21 *(5) On the day before the date of the enactment*
22 *of this Act, the Department of Veterans Affairs had*
23 *the infrastructure in place across the United States to*
24 *produce photographic identification cards and accept*
25 *a small payment to cover the cost of these cards.*

1 (b) *PROVISION OF VETERAN IDENTIFICATION*
2 *CARDS.*—Chapter 57 of title 38, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding after section 5705 the following new
4 section:

5 **“§ 5706. Veterans identification card**

6 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
7 shall issue an identification card described in subsection (b)
8 to each veteran who—

9 “(1) requests such card;

10 “(2) presents a copy of Department of Defense
11 form DD–214 or other official document from the offi-
12 cial military personnel file of the veteran that de-
13 scribes the service of the veteran; and

14 “(3) pays the fee under subsection (c)(1).

15 “(b) *IDENTIFICATION CARD.*—An identification card
16 described in this subsection is a card issued to a veteran
17 that—

18 “(1) displays a photograph of the veteran;

19 “(2) displays the name of the veteran;

20 “(3) explains that such card is not proof of any
21 benefits to which the veteran is entitled to;

22 “(4) contains an identification number that is
23 not a social security number; and

24 “(5) serves as proof that such veteran—

25 “(A) served in the Armed Forces; and

1 “(B) has a Department of Defense form
2 DD–214 or other official document in the official
3 military personnel file of the veteran that de-
4 scribes the service of the veteran.

5 “(c) COSTS OF CARD.—(1) The Secretary shall charge
6 a fee to each veteran who receives an identification card
7 issued under this section, including a replacement identi-
8 fication card.

9 “(2)(A) The fee charged under paragraph (1) shall
10 equal such amount as the Secretary determines is necessary
11 to issue an identification card under this section.

12 “(B) In determining the amount of the fee under sub-
13 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall ensure that the total
14 amount of fees collected under paragraph (1) equals an
15 amount necessary to carry out this section, including costs
16 related to any additional equipment or personnel required
17 to carry out this section.

18 “(C) The Secretary shall review and reassess the deter-
19 mination under subparagraph (A) during each five-year pe-
20 riod in which the Secretary issues an identification card
21 under this section.

22 “(3) Amounts collected under this subsection shall be
23 deposited in an account of the Department available to
24 carry out this section. Amounts so deposited shall be—

25 “(A) merged with amounts in such account;

1 “(B) available in such amounts as may be pro-
2 vided in appropriation Acts; and

3 “(C) subject to the same conditions and limita-
4 tions as amounts otherwise in such account.

5 “(d) *EFFECT OF CARD ON BENEFITS.*—(1) An identi-
6 fication card issued under this section shall not serve as
7 proof of any benefits that the veteran may be entitled to
8 under this title.

9 “(2) A veteran who is issued an identification card
10 under this section shall not be entitled to any benefits under
11 this title by reason of possessing such card.

12 “(e) *ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.*—(1) The Secretary
13 shall ensure that any information collected or used with re-
14 spect to an identification card issued under this section is
15 appropriately secured.

16 “(2) The Secretary may determine any appropriate
17 procedures with respect to issuing a replacement identifica-
18 tion card.

19 “(3) In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall
20 coordinate with the National Personnel Records Center.

21 “(4) The Secretary may conduct such outreach to ad-
22 vertise the identification card under this section as the Sec-
23 retary considers appropriate.

24 “(f) *CONSTRUCTION.*—This section shall not be con-
25 strued to affect identification cards otherwise provided by

1 *the Secretary to veterans enrolled in the health care system*
2 *established under section 1705(a) of this title.”.*

3 *(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at*
4 *the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after*
5 *the item relating to section 5705 the following new item:*
 “5706. Veterans identification card.”.

6 *(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this*
7 *Act shall take effect on the date that is 60 days after the*
8 *date of the enactment of this Act.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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AMENDMENT