H. R. 1818

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2015

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. CAPPs) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2015”.

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SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

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

“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

“(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a program consisting of awarding demonstration grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures in order to assist veterans who completed military emergency medical technician training while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to meet certification, licensure, and other requirements applicable to becoming an emergency medical technician in the State.

“(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received as a demonstration grant under this section shall be used to prepare and implement a plan to streamline State requirements and procedures as described in subsection (a), including by—

“(1) determining the extent to which the requirements for the education, training, and skill level...
of emergency medical technicians in the State are
equivalent to requirements for the education, train-
ing, and skill level of military emergency medical
technicians; and

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

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

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

“(e) FUNDING.—No additional funds are authorized
to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this
section. This section shall be carried out using amounts
otherwise available for such purpose.”.