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# H. R. 235

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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

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## 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 2013”.

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 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title III of the Public  
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended  
10 by inserting after section 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 forego 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.—Of the amount authorized by section  
19          751(j)(1) to be appropriated to carry out section 751 for  
20          fiscal year 2014, there is authorized to be appropriated  
21          to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for the period of fiscal  
22          years 2014 through 2018.”.

23          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 751(j)(1)  
24          of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294a(j)(1))  
25          is amended by striking “There is authorized to be appro-

1 priated” and inserting “Subject to section 315(e), there  
2 is authorized to be appropriated”.

Passed the House of Representatives February 12,  
2013.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*