

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5938
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RICO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Serving Vet-
3 erans Act of 2018”.

4 SEC. 2. RECRUITMENT DATABASE.

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 208 of the VA Choice
6 and Quality Employment Act (Public Law 115–46; 38
7 U.S.C. 701 note) is amended as follows:

8 (1) In subsection (a)—

9 (A) in the matter proceeding paragraph
10 (1), by striking “a single database” and insert-
11 ing “and maintain a single searchable database
12 (to be known as the ‘Departments of Defense
13 and Veterans Affairs Recruitment Database’)”;

14 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”
15 and inserting a semicolon;

16 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
17 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (D) by adding after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(3) with respect to each vacant position under
4 paragraphs (1) and (2)—

5 “(A) the military occupational specialty or
6 skill that corresponds to the position, as deter-
7 mined by the Secretary, in consultation with the
8 Secretary of Defense; and

9 “(B) each qualified member of the Armed
10 Forces who may be recruited to fill the position
11 before such qualified member of the Armed
12 Forces has been discharged and released from
13 active duty.”.

14 (2) By redesignating subsections (b), (c), and
15 (d) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively.

16 (3) By inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
17 lowing new subsections:

18 “(b) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—Subject to sub-
19 section (c), the database established under subsection (a)
20 shall include, with respect to each qualified member of the
21 Armed Forces, the following information:

22 “(1) The name and contact information of the
23 qualified member of the Armed Forces.

1 “(2) The date on which the qualified member of
2 the Armed Forces is expected to be discharged and
3 released from active duty.

4 “(3) Each military occupational specialty cur-
5 rently or previously assigned to the qualified member
6 of the Armed Forces.

7 “(c) AVAILABILITY.—Information in the database
8 shall be available to offices, officials, and employees of the
9 Department of Veterans Affairs to the extent the Sec-
10 retary of Veterans Affairs determines appropriate.

11 “(d) EXPEDITED HIRING PROCEDURES.—The Sec-
12 retary shall hire qualified members of the Armed Forces
13 who apply for vacant positions listed in the database es-
14 tablished under subsection (a) without regard to the provi-
15 sions of subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, United
16 States Code.

17 “(e) RELOCATION BONUS.—The Secretary may au-
18 thorize a relocation bonus, in an amount determined ap-
19 propriate by the Secretary and subject to the same limita-
20 tions as in the case of the authority provided under section
21 5753 of title 5, to any qualified member of the Armed
22 Forces who has accepted a position listed in the database
23 established under subsection (a).”.

1 (4) In subsection (g)(1), as redesignated in
2 paragraph (2), by striking “subsection (b)” and in-
3 serting “subsection (g)”.

4 (5) In subsection (h), as redesignated in para-
5 graph (2), by striking “of this Act” and inserting
6 “of the Veterans Serving Veterans Act of 2018, and
7 annually thereafter”.

8 (6) By adding after subsection (h), as redesign-
9 ated in paragraph (2), the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(i) QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES
12 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘qualified member of
13 the Armed Forces’ means a member of the Armed
14 Forces—

15 “(1) described in section 1142(a) of title 10;

16 “(2) who elects to be listed in the database es-
17 tablished under subsection (a); and

18 “(3) who has been determined by the Secretary,
19 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to
20 have a military occupational speciality that cor-
21 responds to a vacant position described in subsection
22 (a).”.

23 (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
25 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees

1 on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and
2 the Senate a plan to implement, including a timeline, sec-
3 tion 208 of the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act
4 (Public Law 115–46; 38 U.S.C. 701 note), as amended
5 by this section.

6 **SEC. 3. INTERMEDIATE CARE TECHNICIAN TRAINING PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall implement a program to train and certify cov-
10 ered veterans to work as intermediate care technicians in
11 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

12 (b) LOCATIONS.—

13 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
14 tablish centers at medical facilities of the Depart-
15 ment selected by the Secretary for the purposes of
16 carrying out the program under subsection (a).

17 (2) SELECTION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES.—In
18 selecting a medical facility of the Department under
19 this subsection to serve as a center, the Secretary
20 shall consider—

21 (A) the experience and success of the facil-
22 ity in training intermediate care technicians;
23 and

24 (B) the availability of resources of the fa-
25 cility to train intermediate care technicians.

1 (c) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term “covered veteran” means a veteran whom the
3 Secretary determines served as a basic health care techni-
4 cian while serving in the Armed Forces.

5 **SEC. 4. NO AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
7 priated to carry out section 208 of the VA Choice and
8 Quality Employment Act (Public Law 115–46; 38 U.S.C.
9 701 note), as amended by section 2 of this Act, or to carry
10 out section 3 of this Act. Such sections shall be carried
11 out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appro-
12 priated for such purpose.

