

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7103
OFFERED BY MR. HAMADEH OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Emerging
3 Tech Opportunities for Veterans Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN HIGH**
5 **TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3699C of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading by striking “**High**
9 **technology**” and inserting “**High technology**
10 **and emerging technology**”;

11 (2) by striking “high technology” and inserting
12 “high technology or emerging technology” each place
13 such term appears; and

14 (3) in subsection (c)(4) by adding at the end
15 the following new subparagraph:

16 “(E) Such criteria shall also identify which
17 technologies of critical importance, such as arti-
18 ficial intelligence and semiconductor manufac-

1 turing, shall be treated as emerging tech-
2 nologies for purposes of this section.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 36 of such title is amended
5 by striking the item relating to section 3699D and insert-
6 ing the following new item:

“3699C. High technology and emerging technology program.”.

7 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3680A of
8 title 38, United States Code, is amended in each of sub-
9 sections (a)(4)(B) and (d)(8) by striking “high tech-
10 nology” and inserting “high technology or emerging tech-
11 nology”.

12 **SEC. 3. CRITICAL STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS FOR**
13 **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.**

14 (a) PARTNERSHIPS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
15 Veterans Affairs, in partnership with critical stakeholders,
16 shall—

17 (1) identify specific types of industries and oc-
18 cupations that, as a result of emerging technologies,
19 are likely to have high employment and growth po-
20 tential for individuals with appropriate education,
21 training, or skills; and

22 (2) identify courses of education that help vet-
23 erans acquire the appropriate education, training, or
24 skills to become employed in such industries and oc-
25 cupations.

1 (b) PROMINENT DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary
2 shall ensure that such emerging technologies, and such
3 courses of education, industries, and occupations, are—

4 (1) prominently displayed on the website of the
5 Department of Veterans Affairs; and

6 (2) promoted in transition services administered
7 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

8 (c) DETERMINATION OF EMERGING TECH-
9 NOLOGIES.—The Secretary shall, in consultation with the
10 Secretary of Labor—

11 (1) determine which technologies of critical im-
12 portance, such as artificial intelligence and semicon-
13 ductor manufacturing, shall be treated as emerging
14 technologies for purposes of this section; and

15 (2) on a quarterly basis—

16 (A) update the list of industries and occu-
17 pations identified in subsection (a)(1) as mar-
18 ket conditions and demand evolve; and

19 (B) use the updated list in carrying out
20 subsection (b).

21 (d) CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS DEFINED.—In this
22 section, the term “critical stakeholders” means entities in
23 the private sector that have an interest in supporting vet-
24 erans to pursue veteran education programs involving
25 emerging technologies, such as employers in relevant in-

1 dustries, educational institutions offering relevant pro-
2 grams (whether or not leading to a standard college de-
3 gree), and non-profit organizations.

4 (e) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Sep-
5 tember 30, 2027.

