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# H. R. 2547

[Report No. 115-]

To expand the Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals who may qualify to perform physical examinations on eligible veterans and issue medical certificates required for operation of a commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2017

Mr. WOODALL (for himself and Ms. BROWNLEY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

JUNE --, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 18, 2017]

# **A BILL**

To expand the Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals who may qualify to perform physical examinations on eligible veterans and issue medical certificates required for operation of a commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Expanded*  
5 *Trucking Opportunities Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR VETERANS OPERATING**  
7 **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

8        (a) *QUALIFIED EXAMINERS.*—*Section 5403(d)(2) of*  
9 *the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548) is*  
10 *amended to read as follows:*

11            “(2) *QUALIFIED EXAMINER.*—*The term ‘qualified*  
12 *examiner’ means an individual who—*

13                    “(A) *is employed in the Department of Vet-*  
14 *erans Affairs as an advanced practice nurse,*  
15 *doctor of chiropractic, doctor of medicine, doctor*  
16 *of osteopathy, physician assistant, or other med-*  
17 *ical professional;*

18                    “(B) *is licensed, certified, or registered in a*  
19 *State to perform physical examinations;*

20                    “(C) *is familiar with the standards for, and*  
21 *physical requirements of, an operator required to*  
22 *be medically certified under section 31149 of title*  
23 *49, United States Code; and*

1                   “(D) has never, with respect to such section,  
2                   been found to have acted fraudulently, including  
3                   by fraudulently awarding a medical certificate.”.

4           (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—Section 5403 of the  
5 *FAST Act* (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548) is  
6 amended—

7           (1) in subsection (a)—

8                   (A) by striking “physician-approved vet-  
9                   eran operator,” and inserting “veteran operator  
10                   approved by a qualified examiner,”; and

11                   (B) by striking “qualified physician” and  
12                   inserting “qualified examiner”;

13           (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

14                   (A) by striking “the physician” and insert-  
15                   ing “the examiner”; and

16                   (B) by striking “qualified physician” and  
17                   inserting “qualified examiner”;

18           (3) in subsection (c)—

19                   (A) by striking “qualified physicians” and  
20                   inserting “qualified examiners”; and

21                   (B) by striking “such physicians” and in-  
22                   serting “such examiners”; and

23           (4) in subsection (d)(1)—

24                   (A) in the paragraph heading by striking  
25                   “*PHYSICIAN-APPROVED VETERAN OPERATOR*”

1           *and inserting “VETERAN OPERATOR APPROVED*  
2           *BY A QUALIFIED EXAMINER”;* *and*

3                   *(B) by striking “physician-approved vet-*  
4           *eran operator” and inserting “veteran operator*  
5           *approved by a qualified examiner”.*

6           *(c) RULEMAKING.—The amendments made by this sec-*  
7           *tion shall be incorporated into any rulemaking proceeding*  
8           *related to section 5403 of the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149*  
9           *note; 129 Stat. 1548) that is being conducted as of the date*  
10          *of enactment of this Act.*