

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to establish professional qualifications for disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIS-**
2 **ABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM**
3 **SPECIALISTS AND LOCAL VETERANS' EM-**
4 **PLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVES.**

5 (a) **DISABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM**
6 **SPECIALISTS.**—Section 4103A of title 38, United States
7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
8 subsection:

9 “(c) **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.**—(1) The Sec-
10 retary shall establish professional qualifications for eligi-
11 bility for employment and continued employment of dis-
12 abled veterans' outreach program specialists under this
13 section.

14 “(2) Such professional qualifications shall be con-
15 sistent with the duties and functions of such specialists.”.

16 (b) **LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTA-**
17 **TIVES.**—Section 4104 of such title is amended by adding
18 at the end the following new subsection:

19 “(e) **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.**—(1) The Sec-
20 retary shall establish professional qualifications for eligi-
21 bility for employment and continued employment of local
22 veterans' employment representatives under this section.

23 “(2) Such professional qualifications shall be con-
24 sistent with the duties and functions of such representa-
25 tives.”.



1 (c) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFICA-
2 TIONS.—The Secretary of Labor shall establish the quali-
3 fications required by the amendments made by subsections
4 (a) and (b) not later than the date that is 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The professional quali-
7 fications for eligibility for employment and continued em-
8 ployment established by the amendments made by sub-
9 sections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to any dis-
10 abled veterans' outreach program specialist or any local
11 veterans' employment representative hired after the 90-
12 day period that begins on the date the Secretary estab-
13 lishes such qualifications.

14 (2) With respect to disabled veterans' outreach pro-
15 gram specialists or local veterans' employment representa-
16 tives hired on or before the end of such 90-day period,
17 the professional qualifications for continued employment
18 established by the amendments made by subsections (a)
19 and (b) shall apply to such specialists and representatives
20 beginning on the date that is five years after the date on
21 which the Secretary establishes such qualifications.

