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AMENDMENT

**OFFERED BY MS. HARMAN OF CALIFORNIA AND
MR. SARBANES OF MARYLAND**

At the end of title V of division C, add the following:

1 **Subtitle _____—Assisting Veterans**
2 **With Military Emergency Med-**
3 **ical Training to Become State**
4 **Licensed or Certified Emer-**
5 **gency Medical Technicians**
6 **(EMTs)**

7 **SEC. ____ . ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
8 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO BECOME**
9 **STATE LICENSED OR CERTIFIED EMERGENCY**
10 **MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTS) .**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Part B of title III (42 U.S.C. 243
12 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 314 the fol-
13 lowing:

14 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
15 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO BECOME**
16 **STATE LICENSED OR CERTIFIED EMERGENCY**
17 **MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTS).**

18 **“(a) PROGRAM.**—The Secretary shall establish a pro-
19 gram consisting of awarding grants to States to assist vet-

1 erans who received and completed military emergency
2 medical training while serving in the Armed Forces of the
3 United States to become, upon their discharge or release
4 from active duty service, State licensed or certified emer-
5 gency medical technicians.

6 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received as a grant
7 under this section may be used to assist veterans described
8 in subsection (a) to become State licensed or certified
9 emergency medical technicians as follows:

10 “(1) Providing training.

11 “(2) Providing reimbursement for costs associ-
12 ated with—

13 “(A) training; or

14 “(B) applying for licensure or certification.

15 “(3) Expediting the licensing or certification
16 process.

17 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under
18 this section, a State shall demonstrate to the Secretary’s
19 satisfaction that the State has a shortage of emergency
20 medical technicians.

21 “(d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the
22 Congress an annual report on the program under this sec-
23 tion.

24 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
25 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-

1 priated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
2 2010 through 2014.”.

3 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—The Comptroller
4 General of the United States shall—

5 (1) conduct a study on the barriers experienced
6 by veterans who received training as medical per-
7 sonnel while serving in the Armed Forces of the
8 United States and, upon their discharge or release
9 from active duty service, seek to become licensed or
10 certified in a State as civilian health professionals;
11 and

12 (2) not later than 2 years after the date of the
13 enactment of this Act, submit to the Congress a re-
14 port on the results of such study, including rec-
15 ommendations on whether the program established
16 under section 315 of the Public Health Service Act,
17 as added by subsection (a), should be expanded to
18 assist veterans seeking to become licensed or cer-
19 tified in a State as health providers other than emer-
20 gency medical technicians.

