

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4124, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4124

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2012

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. SCHILLING, and Mr. SCHOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

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 “Veteran Emergency
5 Medical Technician Support Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMERGENCY**
2 **MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET REQUIRE-**
3 **MENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN EMER-**
4 **GENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title III of the Public
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended
7 by inserting after section 314 the following:

8 **“SEC. 315. ASSISTING VETERANS WITH MILITARY EMER-**
9 **GENCY MEDICAL TRAINING TO MEET RE-**
10 **QUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING CIVILIAN**
11 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.**

12 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a pro-
13 gram consisting of awarding demonstration grants to
14 States to streamline State requirements and procedures
15 in order to assist veterans who completed military emer-
16 gency medical technician training while serving in the
17 Armed Forces of the United States to meet certification,
18 licensure, and other requirements applicable to becoming
19 an emergency medical technician in the State.

20 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received as a dem-
21 onstration grant under this section shall be used to pre-
22 pare and implement a plan to streamline State require-
23 ments and procedures as described in subsection (a), in-
24 cluding by—

25 “(1) determining the extent to which the re-
26 quirements for the education, training, and skill level

1 of emergency medical technicians in the State are
2 equivalent to requirements for the education, train-
3 ing, and skill level of military emergency medical
4 technicians; and

5 “(2) identifying methods, such as waivers, for
6 military emergency medical technicians to forego or
7 meet any such equivalent State requirements.

8 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under
9 this section, a State shall demonstrate that the State has
10 a shortage of emergency medical technicians.

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

14 “(e) FUNDING.—Of the amount authorized by section
15 751(j)(1) to be appropriated to carry out section 751 for
16 fiscal year 2013, there is authorized to be appropriated
17 to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for the period of fiscal
18 years 2013 through 2017.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 751(j)(1)
20 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294a(j)(1))
21 is amended by striking “There is authorized to be appro-
22 priated” and inserting “Subject to section 315(e), there
23 is authorized to be appropriated”.