115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R. 2547

AN ACT

- 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-
 - ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Expanded			
3	Trucking Opportunities Act of 2017".			
4	SEC. 2. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR VETERANS OPERATING			
5	COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.			
6	(a) Qualified Examiners.—Section 5403(d)(2) of			
7	7 the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548			
8	is amended to read as follows:			
9	"(2) QUALIFIED EXAMINER.—The term 'quali			
10	fied examiner' means an individual who—			
11	"(A) is employed in the Department of			
12	Veterans Affairs as an advanced practice nurse,			
13	doctor of chiropractic, doctor of medicine, doc-			
14	tor of osteopathy, physician assistant, or other			
15	medical professional;			
16	"(B) is licensed, certified, or registered in			
17	a State to perform physical examinations;			
18	"(C) is familiar with the standards for,			
19	and physical requirements of, an operator re-			
20	quired to be medically certified under section			
21	31149 of title 49, United States Code; and			
22	"(D) has never, with respect to such sec-			
23	tion, been found to have acted fraudulently, in-			
24	cluding by fraudulently awarding a medical cer-			
25	tificate.''.			

1	(b) Conforming Amendments.—Section 5403 of
2	the FAST Act (49 U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548)
3	is amended—
4	(1) in subsection (a)—
5	(A) by striking "physician-approved vet-
6	eran operator," and inserting "veteran operator
7	approved by a qualified examiner,"; and
8	(B) by striking "qualified physician" and
9	inserting "qualified examiner";
10	(2) in subsection (b)(1)—
11	(A) by striking "the physician" and insert-
12	ing "the examiner"; and
13	(B) by striking "qualified physician" and
14	inserting "qualified examiner";
15	(3) in subsection (e)—
16	(A) by striking "qualified physicians" and
17	inserting "qualified examiners"; and
18	(B) by striking "such physicians" and in-
19	serting "such examiners"; and
20	(4) in subsection $(d)(1)$ —
21	(A) in the paragraph heading by striking
22	"Physician-approved veteran operator"
23	and inserting "Veteran operator approved
24	BY A QUALIFIED EXAMINER"; and

1	(B) by striking "physician-approved vet-
2	eran operator" and inserting "veteran operator
3	approved by a qualified examiner".
4	(c) Rulemaking.—The amendments made by this
5	section shall be incorporated into any rulemaking pro-
6	ceeding related to section 5403 of the FAST Act (49
7	U.S.C. 31149 note; 129 Stat. 1548) that is being con-
8	ducted as of the date of enactment of this Act.
	Passed the House of Representatives June 26, 2017.
	Attest:

Clerk.

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