

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7112

To amend title 37, United States Code, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to enhance financial assistance to military spouses for professional expenses.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2020

Mr. SABLAN (for himself and Mr. BANKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Spouse Career  
5 Education Act”.

1 **SECTION 2. EXPANSION OF REIMBURSABLE STATE LICEN-**  
2 **SURE AND CERTIFICATION COSTS FOR A**  
3 **MILITARY SPOUSE ARISING FROM RELOCA-**  
4 **TION.**

5 Section 476(p)(5) of title 37, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
8 by striking “and” and inserting “fees, continuing  
9 education courses, and”;

10 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “secure”  
11 and inserting “secure or maintain”; and

12 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “secure”  
13 and inserting “secure or maintain”.

14 **SECTION 3. EXPANSION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER**  
15 **MY CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT PRO-**  
16 **GRAM.**

17 Section 580F of the National Defense Authorization  
18 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amend-  
19 ed—

20 (1) by inserting “(a) PROFESSIONAL LICENSE  
21 OR CERTIFICATION; ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE.—” be-  
22 fore “The Secretary”;

23 (2) by inserting “or maintenance (including  
24 continuing education courses)” after “pursuit”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
26 section:

1       “(b) NATIONAL TESTING.—Financial assistance  
2 under subsection (a) may be applied to the costs of na-  
3 tional tests that may earn a participating military spouse  
4 course credits required for a degree approved under the  
5 program (including the College Level Examination Pro-  
6 gram tests and the Subject Standardized Tests of the De-  
7 fense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Di-  
8 vision of the Department of Defense).”.

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