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119TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE OF HEALTH-**
4 **CARE PROFESSIONALS OF THE MILITARY DE-**
5 **PARTMENTS.**

6 Subsection (b) of section 1094 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b)(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
2 each individual who provides health care independently as
3 a health-care professional at a health care facility of the
4 Department of Defense meets the requirement of sub-
5 section (a).

6 “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary
7 shall establish a centralized credential system that allows
8 the commanding officer of a health care facility of the De-
9 partment to verify the licensure of a health-care profes-
10 sional, regardless of the location of the facility or the
11 armed force in which the health-care professional serves.
12 The Secretary shall ensure that not less than 90 percent
13 of such verifications are completed within seven days of
14 the date on which the commanding officer requests such
15 verification if the request does not relate to a health-care
16 professional with an adverse record.”.