

## **H.R. 2861, Veteran Employment Transition Act**

H.R. 2861 assists veterans during their transition from military service to civilian life by opening services, incentivizing veteran hiring, and establishing program accountability.

### **Title I-Work opportunity credit for recently discharged veterans**

- Modifies the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC):
  - Expands application to “recently discharged veterans,” including National Guard (NG), and directs collaboration with IRS to establish verification processes
  - Makes the tax credit permanent
  - Adds a pre-screening language for veteran compliance using discharge documents
  - Increases notoriety of the WOTC by requiring the Department of Defense (DoD) and the NG to inform military personnel of the credit, and provide them with eligibility documentation upon request
- WOTC allows business to claim up to the following:
  - \$2,400 for veterans in a family receiving supplemental nutrition assistance
  - \$2,400 for short-term unemployed veterans
  - \$4,800 for service-related disabled veterans discharged from active duty
  - \$5,600 for long-term unemployed veterans
  - \$9,600 for long-term unemployed service-related disabled veterans

### **Title II-Veteran employment and training services**

- Requires coordination between six job training programs offered by the departments of Defense, Labor (DOL), and Veterans Affairs (VA)
  - Requires DOL and VA to prepare reports, including details on jobs obtained by veterans using these programs, proper execution of vocational rehabilitation plans, access to services in rural communities, and legislative compliance.
- Requires a report, due within one year of enactment and must be published online.
- Expands pilot program looking at feasibility of aligning military occupational specialty training with credentialing for military police, air traffic controllers, and fire protection positions.

### **Title III-Honoring promises to service-disabled veterans**

- Directs each executive department to submit a report containing on contracts awarded to businesses of service-disabled veterans
  - Includes exception for contracts that are not made public for reasons of national security
- Report must be submitted to Congress and published online
- Must be updated annually

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