

I voted Yes on H.R. 4155, the Veteran Skills to Jobs Act.

This bill directs the head of each federal department and agency to consider, and accept where possible, any comparable training received by members of the U.S. Armed Forces that could satisfy the training or certification requirements that an individual may need to obtain a federal license. Under current law, the federal licensing and credentialing process does not account for most skills acquired in the military. For example, if someone is a large truck driver for the Army and they want to become a civilian truck driver, there is not currently any credit given for their prior experience in what is in many ways an identical skill set. This legislation would help to ease the licensing process for service members seeking civilian positions in industries such as aviation, transportation, or maritime fields.

The Veteran Skills to Jobs Act would help put our soldiers back to work when they return home from serving our nation abroad. The sacrifices made by members of our military benefit the safety and security of all Americans. As a nation, we must continue to strive to provide all we can to those who gave themselves in service to this country. Under this bill, skills that are learned in military branches will be fully recognized by all federal agencies to put our veterans on equal footing when they apply for jobs.

The bill was approved by a vote of 369 – 0.