

## S 3555

Careers for Veterans Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                    | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]  | R · MA        |      | Sep 21, 2012 |
| Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK] | R · OK        |      | Sep 21, 2012 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 19, 2012 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 112 HR 6563 | Related bill | <b>Oct 19, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.                              |
| 112 S 3405  | Related bill | <b>Jul 19, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.                   |
| 112 S 3353  | Related bill | <b>Jun 28, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.                   |
| 112 S 2246  | Related bill | <b>Jun 13, 2012:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-567. |
| 112 S 3210  | Related bill | <b>Jun 13, 2012:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-567. |
| 112 HR 4051 | Related bill | <b>Mar 28, 2012:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .                      |

Careers for Veterans Act of 2012 - Directs the head of each federal agency to develop a plan for exercising, during the five-year period beginning on the enactment of this Act, current Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) authority to hire qualified veterans for positions within the federal government. Includes as qualified veterans those who: (1) are disabled or recently separated; (2) served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized; or (3) while serving on active duty, participated in a military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded. Requires the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to ensure that, under such plans, agencies shall appoint no less than 10,000 qualified veterans during the five-year period.

Requires a state, as a condition for receipt of a grant or contract from the VA for support of disabled veterans' outreach specialists and local veterans' employment representatives, to establish a program which issues a license or credential to a veteran without requiring any training or apprenticeship if such veteran: (1) receives a satisfactory score on completion of an examination administered by that state, and (2) has at least 10 years of experience in a military occupational specialty that is similar to the civilian occupation for which such license or credential is required.

Directs the Secretary of Labor to: (1) furnish each one-stop (job search) center with a list of all Internet websites and applications identified as beneficial for veterans in pursuit of employment; and (2) coordinate with public and private entities to identify websites and applications not included on such list that match veterans seeking employment with available jobs based on skills acquired as members of the Armed Forces, and allow employers to post information about available jobs.

Expands VA small business contracting goals to include small businesses fully, but conditionally, owned by one or more veterans.

Treats the surviving spouse of a service-disabled veteran who acquires the ownership interest in a small business of the deceased veteran as such veteran, for purposes of eligibility for VA service-disabled small business contracting goals and preferences, for a period of: (1) 10 years after the veteran's death, if such veteran was either 100% disabled or died from a service-connected disability; or (2) 3 years after such death, if the veteran was less than 100% disabled and did not die from a service-connected disability.

Treats a small business acquired by the surviving spouse or dependent from a member killed during active duty as a small business owned and controlled by a service-disabled veteran, for purposes of VA small business contracting goals and preferences. Continues such treatment for the period beginning on the date of the member's death and ending on the earlier of the date on which the surviving spouse remarries or relinquishes, or the date on which the surviving dependent relinquishes, such ownership interest or ten years after the member's death.

Provides that if the Secretary determines, for purposes of VA small business contracting goals, that an individual would have had a greater degree of ownership of a small business in a state other than a community property state, then the Secretary shall treat such small business as licensed in a non-community property state.

Directs the Secretary of Labor, during the three-year period beginning on the enactment of this Act, to provide the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to veterans and their spouses at locations other than military installations in at least three, and up to five, states selected by the Secretary based on the highest rates of veteran unemployment.

## Actions Timeline

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