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H. R. 8385

To require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a study on the benefits of licensure reform for the hiring of military spouses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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. STUDY ON PORTABILITY OF LICENSURE FOR**
4 **MILITARY SPOUSE HIRING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary
7 of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a
8 study on the benefits of licensure reform for the hiring
9 of military spouses.

1 (1) Such discussion shall include the following
2 elements:

3 (A) The value of, and opportunities to, pri-
4 vate entities that hire military spouses.

5 (B) Career opportunities for military
6 spouses.

7 (C) Understanding the challenges that
8 military spouses encounter in the labor market.

9 (D) Gaps and opportunities in the labor
10 market for military spouses.

11 (E) The benefits of portable licenses and
12 interstate licensure compacts for military
13 spouses.

14 (2) To develop recommendations to facilitate
15 better data collection on the benefits of occupational
16 licensure reform for military spouses.

17 (b) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
19 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Comp-
20 troller shall brief Congress on the initial results of the
21 study conducted under subsection (a).

22 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 240 days after
23 the date on which the briefing required by subsection (b)
24 is conducted, the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-

- 1 sonnel Readiness shall submit to Congress a final report
- 2 setting.

