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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain treatment of autism under TRICARE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. DOYLE) 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. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Caring for Military

5 Kids with Autism Act".

6 SEC. 2. CERTAIN TREATMENT OF AUTISM UNDER TRICARE.

7 Section 1077 of title 10, United States Code, is8 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-9 section:

"(g)(1) In providing health care under subsection (a),
 the treatment of autism spectrum disorders shall include
 behavioral health treatment, including applied behavior
 analysis, when prescribed by a physician.

5 "(2) In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary6 shall ensure that—

7 "(A) except as provided by subparagraph (B),
8 a person who is authorized to provide behavioral
9 health treatment is licensed or certified by a State
10 or accredited national certification board; and

11 "(B) if applied behavior analysis or other be-12 havioral health treatment is provided by an employee 13 or contractor of a person described in subparagraph 14 (A), the employee or contractor shall meet minimum 15 qualifications, training, and supervision require-16 ments as set forth by the Secretary.".