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To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a standardized training curriculum for military vehicle operations.

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. MILITARY VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING PRO-**

4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CURRICULUM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall establish a standardized
9 training curriculum for military vehicle operations,

1 encompassing both classroom and practical training
2 components.

3 (2) DEVELOPMENT.—The training curriculum
4 under paragraph (1) shall be developed in collabora-
5 tion with subject matter experts, experienced mem-
6 bers of the Armed Forces, and relevant stakeholders,
7 and shall cover essential topics such as vehicle dy-
8 namics, safety procedures, hazard recognition and
9 avoidance, defensive driving techniques, and vehicle
10 recovery methods.

11 (3) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Defense shall
12 ensure that the training curriculum under paragraph
13 (1) is regularly updated to incorporate emerging
14 best practices and technological advancements in
15 military vehicle operations.

16 (b) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
18 shall establish a certification program to validate the
19 proficiency of members of the Armed Forces in mili-
20 tary vehicle operations.

21 (2) DESIGN OF PROGRAM.—The certification
22 program shall be designed to ensure that all mem-
23 bers of the Armed Forces, regardless of deployment
24 status, receive adequate training in military vehicle
25 operations before being assigned to operational duty.

1 (3) ASSESSMENTS.—The certification program
2 shall include written exams, practical assessments,
3 and evaluations of demonstrated competence.

4 (4) NOTICE OF COMPLETION.—Notice shall be
5 issued to members of the Armed Forces who suc-
6 cessfully complete the training program and meet
7 the established proficiency criteria.

8 (c) DEADLINES.—

9 (1) DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT.—Not
10 later than one year after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence
12 the development and implementation of the training
13 curriculum under subsection (a) and the certification
14 program under subsection (b).

15 (2) DEADLINE FOR FULL INTEGRATION.—Not
16 later than three years after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, the training curriculum under sub-
18 section (a) and the certification program under sub-
19 section (b) shall be fully integrated into military
20 training programs.

21 (d) TRAINING DELIVERY METHODS.—In carrying
22 out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

23 (1) develop a comprehensive and interactive
24 training methodology that combines traditional

1 classroom instruction with hands-on, practical train-
2 ing exercises;

3 (2) encourage the use of modern training tech-
4 nologies, simulators, and realistic training environ-
5 ments to enhance effectiveness of the training pro-
6 gram; and

7 (3) ensure that training materials are up-to-
8 date, accessible, and tailored to the specific vehicle
9 types and operational environments members of the
10 Armed Forces are likely to encounter.

11 (e) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND EVALUA-
12 TIONS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of De-
13 fense shall—

14 (1) update reporting mechanisms used to collect
15 and analyze data related to military vehicle inci-
16 dents, including vehicle rollovers, and the causes of
17 such incidents;

18 (2) conduct regular evaluations of the effective-
19 ness of the training under this section in reducing
20 incidents and improving the proficiency of military
21 vehicle operators; and

22 (3) promptly implement any recommendations
23 for program improvements based on the results of
24 such data and evaluations.

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