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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ESCOBAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Military Spouse Entre-
5 preneur Reimbursement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO REIMBURSE A MEM-**
2 **BER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES FOR**
3 **SPOUSAL BUSINESS COSTS ARISING FROM A**
4 **PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.**

5 Section 453(g) of title 37, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by inserting “OR BUSINESS
8 COSTS” after “RELICENSING COSTS”;

9 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or qualified
10 business costs” after “qualified relicensing costs”;

11 (3) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “Reimburse-
13 ment”;

14 (B) by inserting “for qualified relicensing
15 costs” after “subsection”;

16 (C) by striking “\$1000” and inserting
17 “\$1,000”; and

18 (D) by adding at the end the following new
19 subparagraph:

20 “(B) Reimbursement provided to a member under
21 this subsection for qualified business costs may not exceed
22 \$2,000 in connection with each reassignment described in
23 paragraph (1).”;

24 (4) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or qualified
25 business costs” after “qualified relicensing costs”;

26 (5) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
2 (A), by inserting “business license, permit,”
3 after “courses,”;

4 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (i) by inserting “, or owned a busi-
6 ness,” before “during”;

7 (ii) by inserting “professional” before
8 “license”; and

9 (iii) by inserting “, or business license
10 or permit,” after “certification”; and

11 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

12 (i) by inserting “professional” before
13 “license”; and

14 (ii) by inserting “, or business license
15 or permit,” after “certification”; and

16 (6) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘qualified business
19 costs’ means costs, including moving services for equip-
20 ment, equipment removal, new equipment purchases, in-
21 formation technology expenses, and inspection fees, in-
22 curred by the spouse of a member if—

23 “(A) the spouse owned a business during the
24 member’s previous duty assignment and the costs re-
25 sult from a movement described in paragraph (1)(B)

1 in connection with the member's change in duty lo-
2 cation pursuant to reassignment described in para-
3 graph (1)(A); and

4 “(B) the costs were incurred or paid to move
5 such business to a new location in connection with
6 such reassignment.”.