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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. WIED introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 “Supporting Troops’  
5       Access to Recognition Services Act” or “STARS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
2 **FENSE TO MAINTAIN IDENTIFICATION AND**  
3 **ELIGIBILITY FACILITIES WITHIN 30 MILES OF**  
4 **MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS.**

5 Chapter 50 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
6 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 996. Requirements for locations of facilities pro-**  
8 **viding identification and eligibility serv-**  
9 **ices**

10 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
11 ensure that—

12 “(1) a covered identification and eligibility facil-  
13 ity is located not more than a 30 mile distance from  
14 each metropolitan statistical area (as defined by the  
15 Director of the Office of Management and Budget)  
16 with a population of 300,000 or more according to  
17 the most recent United States census population es-  
18 timates available; and

19 “(2) each such covered identification and eligi-  
20 bility facility is open and staffed by at least one per-  
21 son qualified to assist members of the armed forces  
22 and eligible dependents of such members with cov-  
23 ered identification matters not less than two days  
24 per week during regular business hours.

25 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           “(1) The term ‘covered identification and eligi-  
2           bility facility’ means a physical location capable of  
3           assisting members of the armed forces and eligible  
4           dependents of members of the armed forces with  
5           covered identification matters.

6           “(2) The term ‘covered identification matters’  
7           means matters relating to the Defense Enrollment  
8           Eligibility Reporting System and Real-Time Auto-  
9           mated Personnel Identification System, or any suc-  
10          cessor to either such system, including the issuance  
11          of appropriate identification related to each such  
12          system.”.