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At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. MILITARY VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment of Training Curriculum.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a standardized training curriculum for military vehicle operations, encompassing both classroom and practical training components.

(2) Development.—The training curriculum under paragraph (1) shall be developed in collaboration with subject matter experts, experienced members of the Armed Forces, and relevant stakeholders, and shall cover essential topics such as vehicle dynamics, safety procedures, hazard recognition and avoidance, defensive driving techniques, and vehicle recovery methods.
(3) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the training curriculum under paragraph (1) is regularly updated to incorporate emerging best practices and technological advancements in military vehicle operations.

(b) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a certification program to validate the proficiency of members of the Armed Forces in military vehicle operations.

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

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

(4) NOTICE OF COMPLETION.—Notice shall be issued to members of the Armed Forces who successfully complete the training program and meet the established proficiency criteria.

(e) DEADLINES.—

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

(2) **Deadline for Full Integration.**—Not
later than three years after the date of the enact-
ment of this Act, the training curriculum under sub-
section (a) and the certification program under sub-
section (b) shall be fully integrated into military
training programs.

(d) **Training Delivery Methods.**—In carrying
out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) develop a comprehensive and interactive
training methodology that combines traditional
classroom instruction with hands-on, practical train-
ing exercises:

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

(3) ensure that training materials are up-to-
date, accessible, and tailored to the specific vehicle
types and operational environments members of the
Armed Forces are likely to encounter.
(e) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND EVALUATIONS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) update reporting mechanisms used to collect and analyze data related to military vehicle incidents, including vehicle rollovers, and the causes of such incidents;

(2) conduct regular evaluations of the effectiveness of the training under this section in reducing incidents and improving the proficiency of military vehicle operators; and

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