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

1 **SEC. 5___ . MILITARY VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CURRICULUM.—**

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

10 (2) **DEVELOPMENT.—**The training curriculum
11 under paragraph (1) shall be developed in collabora-
12 tion with subject matter experts, experienced mem-
13 bers of the Armed Forces, and relevant stakeholders,
14 and shall cover essential topics such as vehicle dy-
15 namics, safety procedures, hazard recognition and
16 avoidance, defensive driving techniques, and vehicle
17 recovery methods.

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

6 (b) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
8 shall establish a certification program to validate the
9 proficiency of members of the Armed Forces in mili-
10 tary vehicle operations.

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

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

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

23 (c) DEADLINES.—

24 (1) DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT.—Not
25 later than one year after the date of the enactment

1 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence
2 the development and implementation of the training
3 curriculum under subsection (a) and the certification
4 program under subsection (b).

5 (2) DEADLINE FOR FULL INTEGRATION.—Not
6 later than three years after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the training curriculum under sub-
8 section (a) and the certification program under sub-
9 section (b) shall be fully integrated into military
10 training programs.

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

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

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

21 (3) ensure that training materials are up-to-
22 date, accessible, and tailored to the specific vehicle
23 types and operational environments members of the
24 Armed Forces are likely to encounter.

1 (e) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND EVALUA-
2 TIONS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of De-
3 fense shall—

4 (1) update reporting mechanisms used to collect
5 and analyze data related to military vehicle inci-
6 dents, including vehicle rollovers, and the causes of
7 such incidents;

8 (2) conduct regular evaluations of the effective-
9 ness of the training under this section in reducing
10 incidents and improving the proficiency of military
11 vehicle operators; and

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

