

Bipartisan legislation helps veterans gain employment in commercial trucking industry

CHICAGO — Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) announced that the Military Commercial Driver's License Act of 2012, which he introduced last month with Representatives Larry Bucshon (R-IN) and John Carney (D-DE), was signed into law by President Barack Obama. The legislation gives active duty military personnel, military reserves, members of the National Guard, active duty United States Coast Guard, and Coast Guard Auxiliary members more flexibility in obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), allowing them to pursue job opportunities immediately after leaving the service.

“Our service members give everything to keep America safe, including frequent deployments and station assignments all over the country and far away from their permanent homes,” **said Congressman Quigley**

. “By removing the unnecessary barriers that prevent these hardworking men and women from obtaining a commercial driver's license, this law allows America to give something back by providing them with a valuable skill to advance their civilian employment opportunities when their military service ends.”

