

## Union Calendar No. 403

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2790

[Report No. 110-642]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2007

Mr. HARE (for himself and Mr. MORAN of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 15, 2008

Additional sponsors: Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. CARSON, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. CARNEY, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. BUYER

MAY 15, 2008

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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in the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PHYSICIAN**  
4                   **ASSISTANT SERVICES AT VETERANS HEALTH**  
5                   **ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
6                   **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

7       Section 7306(a) of title 38, United States Code, is  
8 amended by striking paragraph (9) and inserting the fol-  
9 lowing new paragraph (9):

10           “(9) The Director of Physician Assistant Serv-  
11       ices, who shall be a qualified physician assistant who  
12       shall report to the Under Secretary for Health on all  
13       matters relating to the education and training, em-  
14       ployment, appropriate utilization, and optimal par-  
15       ticipation of physician assistants within the pro-  
16       grams and initiatives of the Administration. The Di-  
17       rector of Physician Assistant Services shall serve in  
18       a full-time capacity at the Central Office of the De-  
19       partment.”.

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2 **ASSISTANT SERVICES AT VETERANS HEALTH**  
3 **ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 7306(a) of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (9) and in-  
7 serting the following:

8 “(9) *The Director of Physician Assistant Serv-*  
9 *ices, who shall be a qualified physician assistant who*  
10 *shall report to the Under Secretary for Health on all*  
11 *matters relating to the education and training, em-*  
12 *ployment, appropriate utilization, and optimal par-*  
13 *ticipation of physician assistants within the pro-*  
14 *grams and initiatives of the Administration. The Di-*  
15 *rector of Physician Assistant Services shall serve in*  
16 *a full-time capacity at the Central Office of the De-*  
17 *partment.”.*

18 (b) *DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.*—The Secretary  
19 of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that an individual is serv-  
20 ing as the Director of Physician Assistant Services under  
21 section 7306(a)(9) of title 38, United States Code, as added  
22 by subsection (a), by not later than 120 days after the date  
23 of the enactment of this Act.

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