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To amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the requirements for appointment, qualifications, and pay for therapeutic and diagnostic medical physicists of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2025

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Medical Physicist Pay Cap Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL PHYSI-**
2 **CISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Section 7401(1) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended by inserting “therapeutic
6 medical physicists, diagnostic medical physicists,” after
7 “physician assistants,”.

8 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—Section 7402(b) of such title
9 is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
11 graph (16); and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-
13 lowing new paragraphs:

14 “(14) THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL PHYSICIST.—To be
15 eligible to be appointed to a therapeutic medical physicist
16 position, a person must—

17 “(A) have completed a post-graduate clinical
18 training program in therapeutic medical physics sat-
19 isfactory to the Secretary; and

20 “(B) be board certified in the field of thera-
21 peutic medical physics by a certifying body approved
22 by the Secretary.

23 “(15) DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL PHYSICIST.—To be eli-
24 gible to be appointed to a diagnostic medical physicist po-
25 sition, a person must—

1 “(A) have completed a post-graduate clinical
2 training program in diagnostic medical physics satis-
3 factory to the Secretary; and

4 “(B) be board certified in the field of diagnostic
5 medical physics by a certifying body approved by the
6 Secretary.”.

7 (c) GRADE.—Section 7404 of such title is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “therapeutic medical physicist,
9 diagnostic medical physicist,” after “podiatrist
10 (dpm),”; and

11 (2) by inserting after “Podiatrist grade.” the
12 following:

13 “Therapeutic medical physicist grade.

14 “Diagnostic medical physicist grade.”.

15 (d) PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION.—Section 7421(b)
16 of such title is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
18 graph (11); and

19 (2) by inserting, after paragraph (8), the fol-
20 lowing new paragraphs:

21 “(9) Therapeutic medical physicists.

22 “(10) Diagnostic medical physicists.”.

23 (e) PAY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7431 of such title is
25 amended—

1 (A) by inserting “, Therapeutic Medical
2 Physicist, Diagnostic Medical Physicist” before
3 “, and Dentist Base” each place it appears;

4 (B) by inserting “therapeutic medical
5 physicist, diagnostic medical physicist,” after
6 “podiatrist,” each place it appears;

7 (C) by inserting “therapeutic medical
8 physicists, diagnostic medical physicists,” after
9 “podiatrists,” each place it appears; and

10 (D) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting “,
11 therapeutic medical physicists, diagnostic med-
12 ical physicists,” after “podiatrists”.

13 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433
14 of such title is amended by inserting “therapeutic
15 medical physicists, diagnostic medical physicists,”
16 after “podiatrists,” each place it appears.

17 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
18 of subchapter III of chapter 74 of such title is
19 amended by inserting “THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL
20 PHYSICISTS, DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL PHYSI-
21 CISTS” after “PODIATRISTS”.

22 (4) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
23 tions at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is
24 amended by striking the item relating to subchapter
25 III and inserting the following new item:

“SUBCHAPTER III—PAY FOR PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, THERAPEUTIC
MEDICAL PHYSICISTS, DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL PHYSICISTS, AND DENTISTS”.

1 (f) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
3 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
4 the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the
5 amendments made by this section. Such report shall in-
6 clude the following:

7 (1) The effects of an increase in pay for thera-
8 peutic medical physicists and diagnostic medical
9 physicists employed on a full-time basis within the
10 Department of Veterans Affairs.

11 (2) The effects on therapeutic medical physi-
12 cists and diagnostic medical physicists who provide
13 care pursuant to an agreement with the Secretary.

14 (3) Any change to costs to the Department.

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