

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3755

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the disregard of certain resident slots that include Department of Veterans Affairs training in determining payments for direct graduate medical education costs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2015

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. BECERRA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DISREGARD OF RESIDENT SLOTS THAT IN-**
2 **CLUDE VA TRAINING AGAINST THE MEDI-**
3 **CARE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION LIM-**
4 **TATIONS.**

5 (a) **DIRECT GME.**—Section 1886(h)(4)(F) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) is amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following new clause:

8 “(iii) **DISREGARD OF CERTAIN RESI-**
9 **DENT SLOTS THAT INCLUDE VA TRAIN-**
10 **ING.**—For portions of cost reporting peri-
11 ods beginning on or after July 1, 2016, in
12 applying the limitations regarding the total
13 number of full-time equivalent residents in
14 the field of allopathic or osteopathic medi-
15 cine under clause (i) in a hospital’s ap-
16 proved medical residency training program,
17 the Secretary shall not take into account
18 any resident within such program that
19 counts towards meeting the obligation of
20 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under
21 section 301(b)(2) of the Veterans Access,
22 Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014
23 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 7302
24 note).”.

25 (b) **INDIRECT GME.**—Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(v) of
26 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(v))

1 is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “sub-
2 section (h)(4)(F)(ii)” and inserting “clauses (ii) and (iii)
3 of subsection (h)(4)(F)”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR INCREASE IN GRAD-**
5 **UATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY PO-**
6 **SITIONS AT MEDICAL FACILITIES OF THE DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 301(b)
9 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of
10 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 7302 note) is
11 amended—

12 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking
13 “FIVE-YEAR” and inserting “TEN-YEAR”; and

14 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “5-year
15 period” and inserting “10-year period”.

16 (b) REPORT.—Paragraph (3)(A) of such section is
17 amended by striking “2019” and inserting “2024”.

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