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# H. R. 543

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses for health care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2023

Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 Continuing Professional Education Mod-  
6 ernization Act” or the “VA CPE Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT OF CON-**  
2 **TINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION EX-**  
3 **PENSES FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**  
4 **OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) REIMBURSEMENT.—Section 7411 of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 7411. Reimbursement of continuing professional**  
8 **education expenses**

9 “(a) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary shall reim-  
10 burse certain full-time health care professionals of the De-  
11 partment for expenses incurred for continuing professional  
12 education in amounts as follows:

13 “(1) With respect to any physician, dentist, po-  
14 diatrist, registered nurse, or physician assistant ap-  
15 pointed under section 7401(1) of this title, not more  
16 than \$2,000 per year for each such individual.

17 “(2) With respect to any psychologist, licensed  
18 practical or vocational nurse, medical technologist,  
19 diagnostic radiologic technologist, or social worker  
20 appointed under section 7401(3) of this title, not  
21 more than \$2,000 per year for each such individual.

22 “(b) ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary may from time  
23 to time adjust the dollar amounts specified in subsection  
24 (a), so long as such adjustment does not result in a reim-  
25 bursement of less than \$2,000 per year for each individual  
26 specified in subsection (a).”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is amended  
3 by striking the item relating to section 7411 and inserting  
4 the following new item:

“7411. Reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses.”.

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