

Union Calendar No. 472

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 618

[Report No. 118–571]

To amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2023

Mr. WALBERG (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

JULY 5, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. AMODEI, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. TRONE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CROW, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. BACON, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. BARR, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. WILD, Ms. BALINT, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, and Mr. SWALWELL

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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*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 30, 2023]

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 “Improving Access to*
5 *Workers’ Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE**
7 **PRACTITIONERS IN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’**
8 **COMPENSATION ACT.**

9 (a) *INCLUSION.*—*Section 8101 of title 5, United States*
10 *Code, is amended—*

11 (1) *in paragraph (3), by inserting “, other eligi-*
12 *ble providers,” after “osteopathic practitioners”;*

13 (2) *by striking “and” at the end of paragraphs*
14 *(18) and (19);*

15 (3) *by striking the period at the end of para-*
16 *graph (20) and inserting “; and”; and*

17 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

18 “(21) ‘*other eligible provider*’ means a nurse
19 *practitioner or physician assistant within the scope of*
20 *their practice as defined by State law.”.*

21 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—*Chapter 81 of title*
22 *5, United States Code, is amended—*

23 (1) *in section 8103(a)—*

24 (A) *by inserting “or other eligible provider”*
25 *after “physician” each place it appears; and*

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or
2 other eligible providers” after “physicians”;

3 (2) in section 8121(6), by inserting “or other eli-
4 gible provider” after “physician”; and

5 (3) in section 8123(a)—

6 (A) by inserting “or other eligible provider”
7 after “The employee may have a physician”; and

8 (B) by inserting “or other eligible provider”
9 after “United States and the physician”.

10 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall
12 finalize rules to carry out the amendments made by this
13 Act.

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