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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) 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 Therapeutic Medical Physicist Pay Cap Re-
6 lief 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,” after “physician assistants,”.

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

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
10 graph (15); and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph (14):

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

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

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

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

23 (1) by inserting “THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL PHYSI-
24 CIST,” after “PODIATRIST (DPM),”; and

25 (2) by inserting after “Podiatrist grade.” the
26 following:

1 “Therapeutic medical physicist grade.”.

2 (d) PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION.—Section 7421(b)

3 of such title is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
5 graph (10); and

6 (2) by inserting, after paragraph (8), the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph (9):

8 “(9) Therapeutic medical physicists.”.

9 (e) PAY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7431 of such title is
11 amended—

12 (A) by inserting “, Therapeutic Medical
13 Physicist” before “, and Dentist Base” each
14 place it appears;

15 (B) by inserting “therapeutic medical
16 physicist,” after “podiatrist,” each place it ap-
17 pears;

18 (C) by inserting “therapeutic medical
19 physicists,” after “podiatrists,” each place it
20 appears; and

21 (D) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting “,
22 therapeutic medical physicists,” after “podia-
23 trists”.

24 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433
25 of such title is amended by inserting “therapeutic

1 medical physicists,” after “podiatrists,” each place it
2 appears.

3 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
4 of subchapter III of chapter 74 of such title is
5 amended by inserting “THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL
6 PHYSICISTS,” after “PODIATRISTS,”.

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

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

11 (f) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
13 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
14 the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the
15 amendments made by this section. Such report shall in-
16 clude the following:

17 (1) The effects of an increase in pay for thera-
18 peutic medical physicists employed on a full-time
19 basis within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

20 (2) The effects on therapeutic medical physi-
21 cists who provide care pursuant to an agreement
22 with the Secretary.

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

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