

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7287

To clarify the licensure requirements for contractor medical professionals to perform medical disability examinations for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2020

Mr. BOST 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF LICENSURE REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENTS FOR CONTRACTOR MEDICAL PROFES-**  
3 **SIONALS TO PERFORM MEDICAL DISABILITY**  
4 **EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
5 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 Subsection (c) of section 504 of the Veterans' Bene-  
7 fits Improvements Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–275; 38  
8 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(c) LICENSURE OF CONTRACT HEALTH CARE PRO-  
10 FESSIONALS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any law  
12 regarding the licensure of health care professionals,  
13 a health care professional described in paragraph (2)  
14 may conduct an examination pursuant to a contract  
15 entered into under subsection (a) at any location in  
16 any State, the District of Columbia, or a Common-  
17 wealth, territory, or possession of the United States,  
18 so long as the examination is within the scope of the  
19 authorized duties under such contract.

20 “(2) HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL DE-  
21 SCRIBED.—A health care professional described in  
22 this paragraph is a physician, physician assistant,  
23 nurse practitioner, audiologist, or psychologist,  
24 who—

25 “(A) has a current unrestricted license to  
26 practice the health care profession of the physi-

1           cian, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, au-  
2           diologist, or psychologist, as the case may be;

3           “(B) is not barred from practicing such  
4           health care profession in any State, the District  
5           of Columbia, or a Commonwealth, territory, or  
6           possession of the United States; and

7           “(C) is performing authorized duties for  
8           the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to  
9           a contract entered into under subsection (a).”.

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