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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________

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”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL PHYSICISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) APPOINTMENT.—Section 7401(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “therapeutic medical physicists,” after “physician assistants,”.

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

(1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as paragraph (15); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the following new paragraph (14):

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

“(A) have completed a post-graduate clinical training program in therapeutic medical physics satisfactory to the Secretary; and

“(B) be board certified in the field of therapeutic medical physics by a certifying body approved by the Secretary.”.

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

(1) by inserting “therapeutic medical physicist,” after “podiatrist (dpm),”; and

(2) by inserting after “Podiatrist grade.” the following:
“Therapeutic medical physicist grade.”.

(d) PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION.—Section 7421(b) of such title is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph (10); and

(2) by inserting, after paragraph (8), the following new paragraph (9):

“(9) Therapeutic medical physicists.”.

(e) PAY.—

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

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

(B) by inserting “therapeutic medical physicist,” after “podiatrist,” each place it appears;

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

(D) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting “, therapeutic medical physicists,” after “podiatrists”.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433 of such title is amended by inserting “therapeutic
medical physicists,” after “podiatrists,” each place it appears.

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

(4) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to subchapter III and inserting the following new item:

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

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

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

(2) The effects on therapeutic medical physicists who provide care pursuant to an agreement with the Secretary.

(3) Any change to costs to the Department.