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# H. R. 1658

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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. CLARIFICATION OF GRADE AND PAY OF PODIA-**  
4 **TRISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
5 **AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) GRADE.—The list in section 7404(b) of title 38,  
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking “PODIATRIC SURGEON  
9 (DPM)” and inserting “PODIATRIST”; and

1 (2) by inserting after the item relating to “Physician and surgeon grade.” the following new item:  
2  
3 “Podiatrist grade.”.

4 (b) PAY.—

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

7 (A) by striking “physician and dentist”  
8 each place it appears and inserting “physician,  
9 podiatrist, and dentist”;

10 (B) by striking “physicians and dentists”  
11 each place it appears and inserting “physicians,  
12 podiatrists, and dentists”;

13 (C) by striking “physician or dentist” each  
14 place it appears and inserting “physician, podi-  
15 atrist, or dentist”;

16 (D) by striking “physicians or dentists”  
17 each place it appears and inserting “physicians,  
18 podiatrists, or dentists”;

19 (E) by striking “Physician and Dentist”  
20 each place it appears and inserting “Physician,  
21 Podiatrist, and Dentist”; and

22 (F) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting  
23 “podiatrists and” before “dentists.”.

24 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433  
25 of such title is amended by striking “physicians and

1 dentists” each place it appears and inserting “physi-  
2 cians, podiatrists, and dentists”.

3 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading  
4 of subchapter III of chapter 74 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended by inserting “, PODIA-  
6 TRISTS,” after “PHYSICIANS”.

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 the sub-  
10 chapter III heading and inserting the following new  
11 item:

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

12 (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 7433 of  
13 such title is further amended—

14 (A) by striking subsection (b);

15 (B) in subsection (a)—

16 (i) by striking “(1) The Secretary”  
17 and inserting “The Secretary”; and

18 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
19 subsection (b); and

20 (C) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—

21 (i) by striking “In prescribing” and  
22 inserting “RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
23 VIEWS.—In prescribing”; and

- 1 (ii) by striking “this paragraph” and
- 2 inserting “this subsection”.

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