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# H. R. 3839

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the reimbursement of mental health counselors under TRICARE, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2009

Mr. ROONEY (for himself and Mr. MCMAHON) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SERVICES OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.**

4 (a) REIMBURSEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COUN-  
5 SELORS UNDER TRICARE.—

6 (1) REIMBURSEMENT UNDER TRICARE.—Sec-  
7 tion 1079(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (A) by inserting “or licensed or certified  
10 mental health counselors” after “certified mar-

1           riage and family therapists” both places it ap-  
2           pears; and

3                   (B) by inserting “or licensed or certified  
4           mental health counselors” after “that the thera-  
5           pists”.

6           (2) AUTHORITY TO ASSESS MEDICAL OR PSY-  
7           CHOLOGICAL NECESSITY OF SERVICE OR SUPPLY.—  
8           Section 1079(a)(13) of such title is amended by in-  
9           serting “, licensed or certified mental health coun-  
10          selor,” after “certified marriage and family thera-  
11          pist”.

12          (b) SERVICES OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.—

13                   (1) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL  
14          SERVICES CONTRACTS.—Section 704(c)(2) of the  
15          National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
16          1995 (Public Law 103–337; 108 Stat. 2799; 10  
17          U.S.C. 1091 note) is amended by inserting “mental  
18          health counselors,” after “psychologists,”.

19                   (2) APPLICABILITY OF LICENSURE REQUIRE-  
20          MENT FOR HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS.—Section  
21          1094(e)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is  
22          amended by inserting “mental health counselor,”  
23          after “psychologist,”.

24          (c) REPORTS.—

1           (1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
2           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3           of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the  
4           implementation of the amendments made by this  
5           section.

6           (2) UPDATED REPORT.—Not later than one  
7           year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
8           Secretary shall submit to Congress an update to the  
9           report submitted under paragraph (1).

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