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1ST SESSION

H. R. 2545

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2021

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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. ROLE OF DOCTORS OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**
2 **IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) CLARIFICATION OF ROLE.—Section 7306 of title
4 38, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “a Direc-
7 tor of Podiatric Service,”;

8 (B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as
9 paragraph (11); and

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
11 following new paragraph:

12 “(10) A Podiatric Medical Director, who shall
13 be a qualified doctor of podiatric medicine and who
14 shall be responsible to the Under Secretary for
15 Health for the operation of the Podiatric Service.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “podiatric
17 medicine,” after “doctors of medicine,”; and

18 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “and (8)” and
19 inserting “(8), and (10)”.

20 (b) CLARIFICATION OF PAY GRADE.—Section 7404
21 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “, podia-
23 trists,” after “physicians” ; and

(2) in subsection (b), in the first heading of the list following the colon, by striking “PODIATRIST” and inserting “PODIATRIST (DPM)”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 15, 2021.

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**
Clerk.