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# S. 2787

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. ROLE OF DOCTORS OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

4 **IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) CLARIFICATION OF ROLE.—Section 7306 of title  
6 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

1 (B) by redesignating paragraph (11) as  
2 paragraph (12); and

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (10) the  
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(11) A Podiatric Medical Director, who shall  
6 be a qualified doctor of podiatric medicine and who  
7 shall be responsible to the Under Secretary for  
8 Health for the operation of the Podiatric Service.”;

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

11 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “and (8)” and  
12 inserting “(8), and (11)”.

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

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

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

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