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H. R. 2660

To amend title 38 of the United States Code to provide pay parity for dentists with physicians employed by the Veterans Health Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1999

Mr. FILNER (for himself, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. DOYLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Put Your Money
5 Where Your Mouth Is—The VA Dentists Equity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAY PARITY FOR DENTISTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7435(b) of title 38,
8 United States Code is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$3,500” and
 2 inserting “\$9,000”;

3 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by amending the table
 4 to read as follows:

“Length of Service	Rate	
	Minimum	Maximum
2 years but less than 4 years	\$4,000	\$6,000
4 years but less than 8 years	6,000	12,000
8 years but less than 12 years	12,000	18,000
12 years or more	12,000	25,000”;

5 (3) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “\$20,000”
 6 and inserting “\$40,000”;

7 (4) in paragraph (4)(A), by amending the table
 8 to read as follows:

“Position	Rate	
	Minimum	Maximum
Service Chief (or in a comparable position as determined by the Secretary)	\$4,500	\$15,000
Chief of Staff or in an Executive Grade	14,500	25,000
Director Grade	0	25,000”;

9 (5) in paragraph (4)(B), by amending the table
 10 to read as follows:

“Position	Rate
Deputy Service Director	\$20,000
Service Director	25,000
Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health	27,500
Assistant Under Secretary for Health (or in a comparable position as determined by the Secretary)	30,000”;

11 (6) in paragraph (6), by striking “\$5,000” and
 12 inserting “\$17,000”; and

1 (7) in paragraph (7)(A), by striking “\$5,000”
2 and inserting “\$15,000”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to any contract entered into under
5 chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code, after the later
6 of October 1, 1999 or the date of the enactment of this
7 Act.

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