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S. 239

To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain provisions relating to the appointment of professional psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. REVISION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO AP-**
4 **POINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLO-**
5 **GISTS IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINIS-**
6 **TRATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7401(3) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended by striking out “who hold

1 diplomas as diplomates in psychology from an accrediting
2 authority approved by the Secretary”.

3 (b) CERTAIN OTHER APPOINTMENTS.—Section
4 7405(a) of such title is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking out “Cer-
6 tified or” and inserting in lieu thereof “Professional
7 psychologists, certified or”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking out “Cer-
9 tified or” and inserting in lieu thereof “Professional
10 psychologists, certified or”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of
13 the enactment of this Act.

14 (d) APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstand-
15 ing any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans
16 Affairs shall begin to make appointments of professional
17 psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration
18 under section 7401(3) of title 38, United States Code (as
19 amended by subsection (a)), not later than 1 year after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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