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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. INOUYE 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 “who hold di-

1 plomas 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 "Certified
6 or" and inserting "Professional psychologists, cer-
7 tified or"; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking "Certified
9 or" and inserting "Professional psychologists, cer-
10 tified 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.—Notwith-
15 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of Vet-
16 erans Affairs shall begin to make appointments of profes-
17 sional psychologists in the Veterans Health Administra-
18 tion under section 7401(3) of title 38, United States Code
19 (as amended by subsection (a)), not later than 1 year after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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