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H. R. 5134

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2006

Mrs. EMERSON (for herself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BOREN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. MURTHA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. RENZI, Mr. WELLER, Mr. WAMP, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS; PARTICI-**
2 **PATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN LOAN**
3 **REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) MISSION OF CORPS; DEFINITION OF PRIMARY
5 HEALTH SERVICES.—Section 331(a)(3)(D) of the Public
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(a)(3)(D)) is amended
7 by striking “or mental health,” and inserting “mental
8 health, or physical therapy,”.

9 (b) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 338B of
10 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1) is
11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and physi-
13 cian assistants;” and inserting “physician assistants,
14 and physical therapists;”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting be-
17 fore the semicolon the following: “, or have a
18 doctoral or master’s degree in physical ther-
19 apy”;

20 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
21 “physical therapy,” after “mental health,”; and

22 (C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by inserting
23 “physical therapy,” after “dentistry,”.

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