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H. R. 1134

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Mr. BERRY (for himself, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. TANNER, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GERLACH, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. CAPPs, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ROSS, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. BOREN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Physical Therapist
3 Student Loan Repayment Eligibility Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS; PARTICIPA-**
5 **TION OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN LOAN RE-**
6 **PAYMENT PROGRAM.**

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

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

15 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and physi-
16 cian assistants;” and inserting “physician assistants,
17 and physical therapists;”; and

18 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

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

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

- 1 (C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by inserting
- 2 “physical therapy,” after “dentistry,”.

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