

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 2790

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2008

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PHYSICIAN**  
2 **ASSISTANT SERVICES AT VETERANS HEALTH**  
3 **ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7306(a) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (9)  
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(9) The Director of Physician Assistant Serv-  
9 ices, who shall be a qualified physician assistant who  
10 shall report to the Under Secretary for Health on all  
11 matters relating to the education and training, em-  
12 ployment, appropriate utilization, and optimal par-  
13 ticipation of physician assistants within the pro-  
14 grams and initiatives of the Administration. The Di-  
15 rector of Physician Assistant Services shall serve in  
16 a full-time capacity at the Central Office of the De-  
17 partment.”.

18 (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-  
19 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that an individual  
20 is serving as the Director of Physician Assistant Services  
21 under section 7306(a)(9) of title 38, United States Code,

- 1 as added by subsection (a), by not later than 120 days
- 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 20, 2008.

Attest:                      LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*