

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5145

---

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2010

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

---

## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the continuing professional education reimbursement provided to health professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 “Assuring Quality Care  
3 for Veterans Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL**  
5 **EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH**  
6 **PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPART-**  
7 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7411 of title 38, United  
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking “shall” and inserting “may”;

11 (2) by striking “board-certified physician or  
12 dentist appointed under section 7401(1) of this  
13 title” and inserting “health professional appointed  
14 under paragraph (1) or (3) of section 7401 of this  
15 title”;

16 (3) by striking “\$1,000” and inserting  
17 “\$1,600”;

18 (4) by inserting “required to maintain licen-  
19 sure” after “professional education”; and

20 (5) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
21 tence: “No such health professional may receive re-  
22 imbursement under this section and reimbursement  
23 for the same expenses incurred for continuing pro-  
24 fessional education provided by a Department med-  
25 ical center.”.

26 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

1           (1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading for such  
2           section is amended to read as follows:

3   **“§ 7411. Full-time health professionals: reimburse-**  
4           **ment of continuing professional edu-**  
5           **cation expenses”.**

6           (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections  
7           at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is  
8           amended by striking the item relating to section  
9           7411 and inserting the following new item:

“7411. Full-time health professionals: reimbursement of continuing professional  
education expenses.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 25, 2010.

Attest:                   LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*