

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 59

To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to make certain graduate programs in professional psychology eligible to participate in various health professions loan programs.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Strengthen the Public  
5       Health Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

2 **LOAN PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) LOAN AGREEMENTS.—Section 721 of the Public  
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292q) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or any  
6 public or nonprofit school that offers a graduate pro-  
7 gram in professional psychology” after “veterinary  
8 medicine”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)(4), by inserting “, or to a  
10 graduate degree in professional psychology” after  
11 “or doctor of veterinary medicine or an equivalent  
12 degree”; and

13 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “, or  
14 schools that offer graduate programs in professional  
15 psychology” after “veterinary medicine”.

16 (b) LOAN PROVISIONS.—Section 722 of the Public  
17 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, or to a  
19 graduate degree in professional psychology” after  
20 “or doctor of veterinary medicine or an equivalent  
21 degree”;

22 (2) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding  
23 paragraph (1), by inserting “, or at a school that of-  
24 fers a graduate program in professional psychology”  
25 after “veterinary medicine”; and

26 (3) in subsection (k)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
 2 by striking “or podiatry” and inserting “podia-  
 3 try, or professional psychology”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “or  
 5 podiatric medicine” and inserting “podiatric  
 6 medicine, or professional psychology”.

7 **SEC. 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

8 (a) **HEALTH PROFESSIONS DATA.**—Section 792(a) of  
 9 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295k(a)) is  
 10 amended by striking “clinical” and inserting “profes-  
 11 sional”.

12 (b) **PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ON**  
 13 **BASIS OF SEX.**—Section 794 of the Public Health Service  
 14 Act (42 U.S.C. 295m) is amended in the matter preceding  
 15 paragraph (1) by striking “clinical” and inserting “profes-  
 16 sional”.

17 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 799B(1)(B) of the Public  
 18 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p(1)(B)) is amended  
 19 by striking “clinical” each place the term appears and in-  
 20 serting “professional”.

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