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H. R. 1236

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2013

Mr. JONES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. INCLUSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFES-**
2 **SIONALS ON PHYSICAL EVALUATION**
3 **BOARDS.**

4 Section 1222 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(d) INCLUSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFES-
8 SIONAL.—(1) If a physical evaluation board will consider
9 issues related to post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic
10 brain injury, or other mental health condition, the physical
11 evaluation board must include a behavioral health profes-
12 sional as a member of the board. The behavioral health
13 professional shall serve in lieu of the medical member of
14 the physical evaluation board unless, as a result of the
15 health-related issues before the board, the board would
16 benefit from the presence of both a behavioral health pro-
17 fessional and medical member.

18 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘behavioral health
19 professional’ means a clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, li-
20 censed clinical social worker, or psychiatric advanced prac-
21 tice registered nurse.”.

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