

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5518

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Assuring Quality Care
5 for Veterans Act”.

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

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

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

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

13 (3) by striking “\$1,000” and inserting
14 “\$1,600”;

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

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

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

1 **“§ 7411. Full-time health professionals: reimburse-**
2 **ment of continuing professional edu-**
3 **cation expenses”.**

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

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

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