

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1450

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2015

Ms. HIRONO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Emergency Medical Staffing Recruitment
6 and Retention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR**
2 **PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS EM-**
3 **PLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
4 **AFFAIRS.**

5 Section 7423(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “(a) The hours” and inserting
8 “(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the
9 hours”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) The Secretary may modify the hours of employ-
13 ment for a physician or physician assistant appointed in
14 the Administration under any provision of this chapter on
15 a full-time basis to be more than or less than 80 hours
16 in a biweekly pay period if the total hours of employment
17 for such employee in a calendar year does not exceed
18 2,080 hours.”.

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