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S. 3203

To amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the requirements for appointment, qualifications, and pay for therapeutic medical physicists of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2020

Mr. KAINE (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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 Therapeutic Medical Physicist Pay Cap Re-
6 lief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL PHYSI-**
2 **CISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Section 7401(1) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended by inserting “therapeutic
6 medical physicists,” after “physician assistants,”.

7 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—Section 7402(b) of such title
8 is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
10 graph (15); and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph (14):

13 “(14) THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL PHYSICIST.—To be
14 eligible to be appointed to a therapeutic medical physicist
15 position, a person must—

16 “(A) have completed a post-graduate clinical
17 training program in therapeutic medical physics sat-
18 isfactory to the Secretary; and

19 “(B) be board certified in the field of thera-
20 peutic medical physics by a certifying body approved
21 by the Secretary.”.

22 (c) GRADE.—The list in section 7404(b) of such title
23 is amended—

24 (1) by inserting “THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL
25 PHYSICIST,” after “PODIATRIST,”; and

1 (2) by inserting after the item relating to “Po-
2 diatrist grade.” the following new item:

3 “Therapeutic Medical Physicist Grade.”.

4 (d) PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION.—Section 7421(b)
5 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new paragraph:

7 “(9) Therapeutic medical physicists.”.

8 (e) PAY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7431 of such title is
10 amended—

11 (A) by inserting “therapeutic medical
12 physicist,” after “podiatrist,” each place it ap-
13 pears;

14 (B) by inserting “therapeutic medical
15 physicists,” after “podiatrists,” each place it
16 appears;

17 (C) by inserting “Therapeutic Medical
18 Physicist,” after “Podiatrist,” each place it ap-
19 pears; and

20 (D) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting “,
21 therapeutic medical physicists,” after “podia-
22 trists”.

23 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433
24 of such title is amended by inserting “therapeutic

1 medical physicists,” after “podiatrists,” each place it
 2 appears.

3 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
 4 of subchapter III of chapter 74 of such title is
 5 amended by inserting “THERAPEUTIC MEDICAL
 6 PHYSICISTS,” after “PODIATRISTS,”.

7 (4) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 8 tions at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is
 9 amended by striking the item relating to subchapter
 10 III and inserting the following new item:

“SUBCHAPTER III—PAY FOR PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, THERAPEUTIC
 MEDICAL PHYSICISTS, AND DENTISTS”.

