

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3820

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pay for certain nurses and other medical positions of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10 (legislative day, MARCH 7), 2022

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and 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 Nurse and Physician Assistant Retention
6 And Income Security Enhancement Act” or the “VA
7 Nurse and Physician Assistant RAISE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAY FOR NURSES AND CERTAIN OTHER MEDICAL**
2 **POSITIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 7451 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(C), by striking “and
7 physician assistant” and inserting “physician assist-
8 ant, and podiatrist”; and

9 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)
10 and inserting the following:

11 “(2) The maximum rate of basic pay for any grade
12 for a covered position may not exceed—

13 “(A) in the case of an advanced practice nurse,
14 the maximum rate of basic pay established for posi-
15 tions in level I of the Executive Schedule under sec-
16 tion 5312 of title 5;

17 “(B) in the case of a physician assistant, the
18 maximum rate of basic pay established for positions
19 in level I of the Executive Schedule under section
20 5312 of title 5;

21 “(C) in the case of a registered nurse, the max-
22 imum rate of basic pay established for positions in
23 level II of the Executive Schedule under section
24 5313 of title 5; and

25 “(D) in the case of any other covered position,
26 the maximum rate of basic pay established for posi-

- 1 tions in level IV of the Executive Schedule under
- 2 section 5315 of title 5.”.

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