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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. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PERSON-**
2 **NEL ADMINISTRATION.**

3 (a) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN HEALTH-CARE PRO-
4 FESSIONALS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON REMUNERATED
5 OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Section 7423 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by striking out paragraph
8 (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5),
9 and (6) as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), re-
10 spectively;

11 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), (e),
12 and (f) as subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g), respec-
13 tively; and

14 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-
15 ing new subsection (c):

16 “(c)(1) An employee of the Veterans Health Adminis-
17 tration who is covered by subsection (a) (other than a reg-
18 istered nurse, a physician’s assistant, or an expanded-duty
19 dental auxiliary) may not assume responsibility for the
20 medical care of any patient other than a patient admitted
21 for treatment at a Department facility.

22 “(2) The limitation in paragraph (1) shall not apply
23 in a case in which the employee, upon request and with
24 the approval of the Under Secretary for Health, assumes
25 such responsibilities to assist communities or medical
26 practice groups to meet medical needs which would not

1 otherwise be available. The approval of the Under Sec-
2 retary may not be for a period in excess of 180 days, which
3 may be extended by the Under Secretary for additional
4 periods of not to exceed 180 days.”.

5 (b) CROSS REFERENCE AMENDMENTS.—Subsection
6 (d) of such section, as redesignated by subsection (a)(2),
7 is amended—

8 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
9 striking out “subsection (b)(6)” and inserting in lieu
10 thereof “subsection (b)(5)”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking out “para-
12 graph (1)(B)” and inserting in lieu thereof “section
13 7421(b) of this title”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 10,
1995.

Attest:

Clerk.