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# H. R. 4421

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a division of chiropractic services in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to employ chiropractors for service within facilities of that department.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 1998

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MANTON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. FROST, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. LEACH, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. THOMPSON, and Mr. GOODE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a division of chiropractic services in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to employ chiropractors for service within facilities of that department.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Chiropractic  
3 Care Act of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. CHIROPRACTIC CARE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) NEW DIVISION IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINIS-  
7 TRATION.—Section 7305 of title 38, United States Code,  
8 is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
10 graph (8); and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the follow-  
12 ing new paragraph (7):

13 “(7) A Chiropractic Service.”.

14 (b) EMPLOYMENT OF CHIROPRACTORS.—(1) Section  
15 7401(1) of such title is amended by inserting “chiroprac-  
16 tors,” after “optometrists,”.

17 (2) Section 7402(b) of such title is amended—

18 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (8), (9),  
19 and (10) as paragraphs (8), (9), (10), and (11), re-  
20 spectively; and

21 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the follow-  
22 ing new paragraph:

23 “(7) CHIROPRACTOR.—To be eligible to be appointed  
24 to a chiropractic position, a person must—

25 “(A) hold the degree of doctor of chiropractic  
26 from a chiropractic college accredited by the Council

1 on Chiropractic Education and approved by the Sec-  
2 retary; and

3 “(B) be licensed to practice chiropractic in a  
4 State.”.

5 (3) Section 7403(a)(2) of such title is amended—

6 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (E), (F),  
7 and (G) as subparagraphs (F), (G), and (H), respec-  
8 tively; and

9 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
10 lowing new subparagraph:

11 “(E) Chiropractors.”.

12 (4) The table in section 7404(b)(1) of such title is  
13 amended by striking out the following:

14 “PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST SCHEDULE”

15 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

16 “PHYSICIAN, DENTIST, AND CHIROPRACTOR SCHEDULE”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall take effect 120 days after the date of  
19 the enactment of this Act.

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