110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6764

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on vacancies in mental health professional positions in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 31, 2008

Ms. Tsongas (for herself, Mr. Michaud, and Mr. Miller of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was 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,

1	SECTION 1. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON VACANCIES IN MEN
2	TAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AT
3	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MED
4	ICAL FACILITIES.
5	(a) QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED.—Subchapter l
6	of chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code, is amended
7	by adding at the end the following new section:
8	"§ 7412. Quarterly reports on vacancies in mental
9	health professional positions
10	"(a) Reports Required.—(1) Not later than 30
11	days after the last day of a fiscal quarter, the Secretary
12	shall submit to Congress a report describing any vacancy
13	in a mental health professional position at any medical
14	facility of the Department. In each such report, the Sec-
15	retary shall indicate, for each such vacancy, the Veterans
16	Integrated Service Network to which the facility with the
17	vacancy is assigned.
18	"(2) For purposes of this section, the term 'mental
19	health professional' includes psychiatrists, psychologists,
20	social workers, marriage and family therapists, and li-
21	censed professional mental health counselors.
22	"(b) Termination.—No report shall be required to
23	be submitted under this section after December 31
24	2014.".
25	(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT —The table of sections

26 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding

- 1 at the end of the items relating to subchapter I the fol-
- 2 lowing new item:

"7412. Quarterly reports on vacancies in mental health professional positions.".

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