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# S. 1155

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2009

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. INOUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PHYSICIAN**  
2 **ASSISTANT SERVICES AT VETERANS HEALTH**  
3 **ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7306(a) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (9)  
7 and inserting the following new paragraph (9):

8 “(9) The Director of Physician Assistant Serv-  
9 ices, who shall serve in a full-time capacity at the  
10 Central Office of the Department and who shall be  
11 a qualified physician assistant who shall be respon-  
12 sible to and report directly to the Under Secretary  
13 for Health on all matters relating to the education  
14 and training, employment, appropriate utilization,  
15 and optimal participation of physician assistants  
16 within the programs and initiatives of the Adminis-  
17 tration.”.

18 (b) **DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Sec-  
19 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that an individual  
20 is serving as the Director of Physician Assistant Services  
21 under section 7306(a)(9) of title 38, United States Code,  
22 as added by subsection (a), by not later than 120 days  
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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