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H. R. 5398

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for additional qualification requirements for individuals appointed to marriage and family therapist positions in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2014

Mr. PETERS of California (for himself, Mr. GIBSON, and Mr. TAKANO) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Marriage and Family
5 Therapists for Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR**
2 **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS OF THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7402(b)(10) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by inserting “that is regionally accredited or” before “approved”; and

8 (B) by striking “; and” and inserting a
9 semicolon;

10 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
11 and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph:

14 “(C) have passed—

15 “(i) the Association of Marital and
16 Family Therapy regulatory board examina-
17 tion in marital and family therapy; or

18 “(ii) an examination for a marriage
19 and family therapy license given by a State
20 board of behavioral sciences or its equiva-
21 lent.”.

22 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall apply to the appointment of an indi-
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- 1 vidual to a marriage and family therapist position on or
- 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

