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H. R. 2557

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the recruitment of
physicians in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2019

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms.
TITUS, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mrs. LEE of
Nevada) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Com-
mittee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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recruitment of physicians in the Department of Veterans
Affairs.

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 "Get Veterans a Doctor

5   Now Act".

6   **SEC. 2. RECRUITMENT OF PHYSICIANS IN DEPARTMENT OF**

7   **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8   (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7402(b)(1) of title 38,

9   United States Code, is amended—

1   (1) by inserting "or to be offered a contingent

2 appointment to such position," after "position,"; and

3   (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting

4 the following new subparagraph (B):

5   "(B)(i) have completed a residency program

6 satisfactory to the Secretary; or

7   "(ii) with respect to an offer for a contingent

8 appointment upon the completion of a post-graduate

9 training program, complete such a residency pro-

10 gram by not later than two years after the date of

11 such offer; and".

12 (b) OVERSIGHT OF GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

13 PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall—

14   (1) ensure that a recruiter or other similar offi-

15 cial of each Veterans Integrated Service Network

16 visits, not less than annually, each allopathic and os-

17 teopathic teaching institution with a graduate med-

18 ical education program within the Network to re-

19 cruit individuals to be appointed to positions in the

20 Veterans Health Administration; and

21   (2) submit to Congress an annual report on the

22 implementation of paragraph (1), including the suc-

23 cess of such recruiting efforts.

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