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H. R. 3228

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize health professional trainees to provide treatment via telemedicine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. GLANFORTE, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. BARR) 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 “VA Mission Telehealth
5 Clarification Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LICENSURE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**
7 **PROVIDING TREATMENT VIA TELEMEDICINE.**

8 Section 1730C(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) COVERED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.—

2 For purposes of this section, a covered health care profes-
3 sional is any of the following individuals:

4 “(1) A health care professional who—

5 “(A) is an employee of the Department ap-
6 pointed under the authority under section 7306,
7 7401, 7405, 7406, or 7408 of this title or title
8 5;

9 “(B) is authorized by the Secretary to pro-
10 vide health care under this chapter;

11 “(C) is required to adhere to all standards
12 for quality relating to the provision of medicine
13 in accordance with applicable policies of the De-
14 partment; and

15 “(D) has an active, current, full, and unre-
16 stricted license, registration, or certification in
17 a State to practice the health care profession of
18 the health care professional.

19 “(2) A health professional trainee who—

20 “(A) is appointed under section 7405 or
21 7406 of this title; and

22 “(B) is under the clinical supervision of a
23 health care professional described in paragraph
24 (1).”.

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