

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R. 2545**

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**AN ACT**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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. ROLE OF DOCTORS OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**2 **IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) CLARIFICATION OF ROLE.—Section 7306 of title

4 38, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “a Director  
7 of Podiatric Service,”;8 (B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as  
9 paragraph (11); and10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the  
11 following new paragraph:12 “(10) A Podiatric Medical Director, who shall  
13 be a qualified doctor of podiatric medicine and who  
14 shall be responsible to the Under Secretary for  
15 Health for the operation of the Podiatric Service.”;16 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “podiatric  
17 medicine,” after “doctors of medicine,”; and18 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “and (8)” and  
19 inserting “(8), and (10)”.20 (b) CLARIFICATION OF PAY GRADE.—Section 7404  
21 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “, podiatrists,” after “physicians” ; and

Passed the House of Representatives June 15, 2021.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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