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To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2019

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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. CLARIFICATION OF GRADE AND PAY OF PODIA-**
4 **TRISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
5 **AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) GRADE.—The list in section 7404(b) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking “PODIATRIC SURGEON
9 (DPM)” and inserting “PODIATRIST”; and

1 (2) by inserting after the item relating to “Physi-
2 sician and surgeon grade.” the following new item:
3 “Podiatrist grade.”.

4 (b) PAY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7431 of such title is
6 amended—

7 (A) by striking “physician and dentist”
8 each place it appears and inserting “physician,
9 podiatrist, and dentist”;

10 (B) by striking “physicians and dentists”
11 each place it appears and inserting “physicians,
12 podiatrists, and dentists”;

13 (C) by striking “physician or dentist” each
14 place it appears and inserting “physician, podi-
15 atrist, or dentist”;

16 (D) by striking “physicians or dentists”
17 each place it appears and inserting “physicians,
18 podiatrists, or dentists”;

19 (E) by striking “Physician and Dentist”
20 each place it appears and inserting “Physician,
21 Podiatrist, and Dentist”; and

22 (F) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting
23 “podiatrists and” before “dentists.”.

24 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433
25 of such title is amended by striking “physicians and

1 dentists” each place it appears and inserting “physi-
2 cians, podiatrists, and dentists”.

3 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
4 of subchapter III of chapter 74 of such title is
5 amended by inserting “, PODIATRISTS,” after
6 “PHYSICIANS”.

7 (4) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
8 tions at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is
9 amended by striking the item relating to subchapter
10 III and inserting the following new item:

“SUBCHAPTER III—PAY FOR PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, AND DENTISTS”.

11 (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 7433 of
12 such title is further amended—

13 (A) by striking subsection (b);

14 (B) in subsection (a)—

15 (i) by striking “(1) The Secretary”
16 and inserting “The Secretary”; and

17 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
18 subsection (b); and

19 (C) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—

20 (i) by striking “In prescribing” and
21 inserting “RECOMMENDATIONS AND
22 VIEWS.—In prescribing”; and

23 (ii) by striking “this paragraph” and
24 inserting “this subsection”.