

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1378

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of doctors of chiropractic in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2017

Mr. HARPER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “National Health Serv-
5 ice Corps Improvement Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF DOCTORS OF CHIROPRACTIC IN**
2 **NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**

3 (1) PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—Sec-
4 tion 331 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 254d) is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a)(3)(D), by striking
7 “or mental health,” and inserting “chiropractic,
8 or mental health,”; and

9 (B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “and
10 physician assistants” and inserting “doctors of
11 chiropractic, and physician assistants”.

12 (2) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 338A of
13 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l) is
14 amended—

15 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and
16 physician assistants” and inserting “doctors of
17 chiropractic, and physician assistants”; and

18 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “or
19 other health profession” and inserting “chiro-
20 practic, or other health profession”.

21 (3) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—

22 (A) PARTICIPATION.—Section 338B of the
23 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1)
24 is amended—

25 (i) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
26 “and physician assistants” and inserting

1 “doctors of chiropractic, and physician as-
2 sistants”;

3 (ii) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by strik-
4 ing “or another health profession” and in-
5 serting “chiropractic, or another health
6 profession”; and

7 (iii) in subsections (b)(1)(B) and
8 (b)(1)(C)(ii), by striking the term “or
9 other health profession” each place such
10 term appears and inserting “chiropractic,
11 or other health profession”.

12 (B) PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.—
13 Clauses (ii) and (iii) of section 338C(b)(5)(C)
14 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
15 254m(b)(5)(C)) are amended by striking the
16 term “or other health profession” each place
17 such term appears and inserting “chiropractic,
18 or other health profession”.

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