

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2202

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize appointment of Doctors of Chiropractic to regular and reserve corps of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas 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 “Chiropractic Member-
5 ship in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Act
6 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DOCTORS OF CHIROPRACTIC IN THE PUBLIC**
2 **HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED CORPS.**

3 (a) APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.—Section
4 207(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 209(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “chiropractic,” after
6 “nursing,”.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DOCTORS
8 OF CHIROPRACTIC.—Section 207 of the Public Health
9 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 209) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new subsection:

11 “(j) APPOINTMENT OF DOCTORS OF CHIRO-
12 PRACTIC.—Doctors of Chiropractic who are graduates of
13 colleges of chiropractic whose graduates are eligible for li-
14 censure to practice chiropractic in a majority of the States
15 of the United States, or approved by a body or bodies ac-
16 ceptable to the Secretary, shall be eligible for appointment
17 as officers in the commissioned Regular Corps and the
18 Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service. The
19 Secretary and the Surgeon General shall ensure that such
20 Doctors of Chiropractic are trained, equipped, and other-
21 wise prepared to fulfill applicable public health and emer-
22 gency response service responsibilities in the Commis-
23 sioned Corps.”.

24 (c) REQUIRED PLACEMENT OF DOCTORS OF CHIRO-
25 PRACTIC INTO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED
26 CORPS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President,
3 in consultation with the Surgeon General and the
4 Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall com-
5 mence the appointment of no fewer than 6 Doctors
6 of Chiropractic into the commissioned Regular Corps
7 and the Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health
8 Service.

9 (2) REPORTS.—The Surgeon General shall sub-
10 mit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
11 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
12 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
13 ate quarterly reports on all measures taken by the
14 President, the Surgeon General, and the Secretary
15 of Health and Human Services to carry out the pro-
16 visions of this Act, including the amendments made
17 by this Act. The first such report shall be submitted
18 not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of
21 the total aggregate appropriations made available to the
22 Department of Health and Human Services through an-
23 nual appropriations Acts for fiscal years 2018, 2019,
24 2020, and 2021, \$1,500,000 is authorized and shall be

- 1 made available in each of such fiscal years only for the
- 2 salaries and expenses necessary to carry out this Act.

