

112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 975

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2011

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Physical Therapist  
5 Student Loan Repayment Eligibility Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS; PARTICIPA-**  
2 **TION OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN LOAN RE-**  
3 **PAYMENT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) MISSION OF CORPS; DEFINITION OF PRIMARY  
5 HEALTH SERVICES.—Section 331(a)(3)(D) of the Public  
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(a)(3)(D)) is amended  
7 by striking “or mental health,” and inserting “mental  
8 health, or physical therapy,”.

9 (b) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 338B of  
10 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1) is  
11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and physi-  
13 cian assistants;” and inserting “physician assistants,  
14 and physical therapists;”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting be-  
17 fore the semicolon at the end the following: “,  
18 or have a doctoral or master’s degree in phys-  
19 ical therapy”;

20 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
21 “physical therapy,” after “mental health;” and

22 (C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by inserting  
23 “physical therapy,” after “dentistry,”.

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