

Public Law 117–96  
117th Congress

An Act

Mar. 14, 2022  
[H.R. 2545]

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.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. ROLE OF DOCTORS OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

(a) CLARIFICATION OF ROLE.—Section 7306 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (6), by striking “a Director of Podiatric Service,”;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (11); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following new paragraph:

“(10) A Podiatric Medical Director, who shall be a qualified doctor of podiatric medicine and who shall be responsible to the Under Secretary for Health for the operation of the Podiatric Service.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “podiatric medicine,” after “doctors of medicine,”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “and (8)” and inserting “(8), and (10)”.

(b) CLARIFICATION OF PAY GRADE.—Section 7404 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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

(2) in subsection (b), in the first heading of the list following the colon, by striking “PODIATRIST” and inserting “PODIATRIST (DPM)”.

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