

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3414

To improve the certification and licensing of employees and medical laboratories of the Department of Veterans Affairs that furnish prosthetic and orthotic services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. STIVERS (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. TAKANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Access to
5 Orthotic and Prosthetic Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING**
2 **OF EMPLOYEES AND LABORATORIES OF DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS THAT**
4 **FURNISH PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC SERV-**
5 **ICES.**

6 (a) CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING OF EMPLOY-
7 EES.—Beginning not later than one year after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall ensure that each prosthetist and orthotist of
10 the Department of Veterans Affairs, and each employee
11 of the Department that provides prosthetic or orthotic
12 services (as determined by the Secretary), meets all cur-
13 rent certification and licensing requirements applicable to
14 such prosthetist, orthotist, or other employee, as the case
15 may be, consistent with the provisions of section 427 en-
16 acted for the Medicare program in BIPA 2000.

17 (b) CERTIFICATION OF LABS.—Beginning not later
18 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
19 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that each
20 orthotic or prosthetic facility and laboratory of the De-
21 partment of Veterans Affairs that provides prosthetic and
22 orthotic services is certified by one of the nationally recog-
23 nized accrediting bodies, as provided for Medicare in sec-
24 tion 427 of BIPA 2000.

25 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not
3 less frequently than annually thereafter for four
4 years, the Inspector General of the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report
6 on the compliance of the Department of Veterans
7 Affairs with the requirements under subsections (a)
8 and (b).

9 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each report sub-
10 mitted under paragraph (1) shall include such rec-
11 ommendations with respect to improving the compli-
12 ance of the Department with the requirements under
13 subsections (a) and (b) as the Inspector General
14 considers appropriate.

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