

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1815

To amend the Public Health Service Act to include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12 (legislative day, DECEMBER 11), 2013

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Occupational Therapy
5 in Mental Health Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AS BE-**
2 **HAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFES-**
3 **SIONALS FOR PURPOSES OF THE NATIONAL**
4 **HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**

5 Section 331(a)(1)(E)(i) of the Public Health Service
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(a)(1)(E)(i)) is amended by inserting
7 “occupational therapists,” after “psychiatric nurse spe-
8 cialists,”.

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