

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4365

To clarify licensure requirements for contractor medical professionals to perform medical disability examinations for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2020

Mr. BOOZMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF LICENSURE REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS FOR CONTRACTOR MEDICAL PROFES-**
3 **SIONALS TO PERFORM MEDICAL DISABILITY**
4 **EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF**
5 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 Subsection (c) of section 504 of the Veterans' Bene-
7 fits Improvements Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–275; 38
8 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(c) LICENSURE OF CONTRACT HEALTH CARE PRO-
10 FESSIONALS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any law
12 regarding the licensure of health care professionals,
13 a health care professional described in paragraph (2)
14 may conduct an examination pursuant to a contract
15 entered into under subsection (a) at any location in
16 any State, the District of Columbia, or a Common-
17 wealth, territory, or possession of the United States,
18 so long as the examination is within the scope of the
19 authorized duties under such contract.

20 “(2) HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL DE-
21 SCRIBED.—A health care professional described in
22 this paragraph is a physician, physician assistant,
23 nurse practitioner, audiologist, or psychologist,
24 who—

25 “(A) has a current unrestricted license to
26 practice the health care profession of the physi-

1 cian, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, au-
2 diologist, or psychologist, as the case may be;

3 “(B) is not barred from practicing such
4 health care profession in any State, the District
5 of Columbia, or a Commonwealth, territory, or
6 possession of the United States; and

7 “(C) is performing authorized duties for
8 the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to
9 a contract entered into under subsection (a).”.

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