

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3471  
OFFERED BY MR. BENISHEK OF MICHIGAN**

Page 6, beginning line 18, strike subsection (b) and  
insert the following:

1       (b) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to appointing  
2 hearing aid specialists under sections 7401 and 7402 of  
3 title 38, United States Code, as amended by subsection  
4 (a), and providing services furnished by such specialists,  
5 the Secretary shall ensure that—

6           (1) a hearing aid specialist may only perform  
7 hearing services consistent with the hearing aid spe-  
8 cialist’s State license related to the practice of fit-  
9 ting and dispensing hearing aids without excluding  
10 other qualified professionals, including audiologists,  
11 from rendering services in overlapping practice  
12 areas;

13           (2) services provided to veterans by hearing aid  
14 specialists shall be provided as part of the non-med-  
15 ical treatment plan developed by an audiologist; and

16           (3) the medical facilities of the Department of  
17 Veterans Affairs provide to veterans access to the

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- 1 full range of professional services provided by an au-
- 2 diologist.

