

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3228, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. GIANFORTE, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. BARR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “VA Mission Telehealth  
5 Clarification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LICENSURE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**  
2 **PROVIDING TREATMENT VIA TELEMEDICINE.**

3 Section 1730C(b) of title 38, United States Code, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 “(b) COVERED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.—

6 For purposes of this section, a covered health care profes-  
7 sional is any of the following individuals:

8 “(1) A health care professional who—

9 “(A) is an employee of the Department ap-  
10 pointed under section 7306, 7401, 7405, 7406,  
11 or 7408 of this title, or under title 5;

12 “(B) is authorized by the Secretary to pro-  
13 vide health care under this chapter;

14 “(C) is required to adhere to all standards  
15 for quality relating to the provision of health  
16 care in accordance with applicable policies of  
17 the Department; and

18 “(D) has—

19 “(i) an active, current, full, and unre-  
20 stricted license, registration, or certifi-  
21 cation in a State to practice the health  
22 care profession of the health care profes-  
23 sional;

24 “(ii) qualifications prescribed by the  
25 Secretary under section 7402(b) of this

1 title for an appointment to a position in  
2 the Veterans Health Administration; or

3 “(iii) other authorization from the  
4 Secretary to provide health care.

5 “(2) A health professions trainee who—

6 “(A) is appointed under section 7405 or  
7 7406 of this title; and

8 “(B) is under the clinical supervision of a  
9 health care professional described in paragraph  
10 (1).

11 “(3) A health care professional who—

12 “(A) is appointed to a position described in  
13 paragraph (1) or (3) of section 7401 of this  
14 title under—

15 “(i) section 7401 of this title;

16 “(ii) section 7405 of this title; or

17 “(iii) title 5;

18 “(B) is in the process of obtaining, within  
19 a timeframe prescribed by the Secretary—

20 “(i) a license, registration, or certifi-  
21 cation described in paragraph (1)(D)(i);

22 “(ii) qualifications described in para-  
23 graph (1)(D)(ii); or

1                   “(iii) authorization described in sub-  
2                   paragraph (B) or (D)(iii) of paragraph (1);  
3                   and  
4                   “(C) is under the clinical supervision of a  
5                   health care professional described in paragraph  
6                   (1).”.