Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 6087, with an Amendment

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

117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H. R. 6087

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 30, 2021

Mr. Courtney (for himself and Mr. Walberg) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Improving Access to Workers’ Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’ COMPENSATION ACT.

(a) Inclusion.—Section 8101 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, other eligible providers,” after “osteopathic practitioners”;  

(2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraphs (18) and (19);  

(3) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (20) and inserting “; and”; and  

(4) by adding at the end the following:  

“(21) ‘other eligible provider’ means a nurse practitioner or physician assistant within the scope of their practice as defined by State law.”.

(b) Conforming Amendments.—Chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8103(a)—  

(A) by inserting “or other eligible provider” after “physician” in each instance; and  

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or other eligible providers” after “physicians”;
(2) in section 8121(6), by inserting “or other eligible provider” after “physician”; and

(3) in section 8123(a)—

(A) by inserting “or other eligible provider” after “The employee may have a physician”; and

(B) by inserting “or other eligible provider” after “United States and the physician”.

(e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall finalize rules to carry out the amendments made by this Act.

SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.