AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6087
OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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”.

(c) 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.