

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5521
OFFERED BY MR. ROE OF TENNESSEE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “VA Hiring Enhance-
3 ment Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. RECRUITMENT OF PHYSICIANS ON A CONTINGENT
5 BASIS PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TRAINING
6 REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Section 7402 of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by striking an “an
10 internship” and inserting “a residency leading to
11 board eligibility in a specialty”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(h) The Secretary may make a contingent offer of
15 a position in the Administration to a physician if the Sec-
16 retary reasonably expects the physician will satisfy all re-
17 quirements for an appointment under subsection (b)(1)

- 1 not later than two years after the date of the contingent
- 2 offer.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the Veterans Health Administration to make contingent appointments and to require certain Veterans Health Administration physicians to complete residency training”.

