

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3693
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF
CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Vet-
3 erans Affairs Continuing Professional Education Mod-
4 ernization Act” or the “VA CPE Modernization Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT OF CON-
6 TINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION EX-
7 PENSES FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
8 OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

9 (a) REIMBURSEMENT.—Section 7411 of title 38,
10 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**11 “§ 7411. Reimbursement of continuing professional
12 education expenses**

13 “(a) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary shall reim-
14 burse certain full-time health care professionals of the De-
15 partment for expenses incurred for continuing professional
16 education in amounts as follows:

1 “(1) With respect to any physician, dentist, po-
2 diatrist, registered nurse, or physician assistant ap-
3 pointed under section 7401(1) of this title, not more
4 than \$2,000 per year for each such individual.

5 “(2) With respect to any psychologist, licensed
6 practical or vocational nurse, medical technologist,
7 diagnostic radiologic technologist, or social worker
8 appointed under section 7401(3) of this title, not
9 more than \$2,000 per year for each such individual.

10 “(b) ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary may from time
11 to time adjust the dollar amounts specified in subsection
12 (a), so long as such adjustment does not result in a reim-
13 bursement of less than \$2,000 per year for each individual
14 specified in subsection (a).”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
16 at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is amended
17 by striking the item relating to section 7411 and inserting
18 the following new item:

“7411. Reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses.”.

