

103D CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 145

To amend chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code, to revise certain provisions relating to the appointment of clinical and counseling psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. INOUYE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. REVISION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY RELATING**

4       **TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CLINICAL AND**

5       **COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE VET-**

6       **ERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7401(3) of title 38, Unit-

8 ed States Code, is amended by striking out “who hold di-

1 plomas as diplomates in psychology from an accrediting  
2 authority approved by the Secretary".

3 (b) CERTAIN OTHER APPOINTMENTS.—Section  
4 7405(a) of such title is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking out "Cer-  
6 tified or" and inserting in lieu thereof "Clinical or  
7 counseling psychologists, certified or"; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking out "Cer-  
9 tified or" and inserting in lieu thereof "Clinical or  
10 counseling psychologists, certified or".

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of  
13 the enactment of this Act.

14 (d) APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstand-  
15 ing any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans  
16 Affairs shall begin to make appointments of clinical and  
17 counseling psychologists in the Veterans Health Adminis-  
18 tration under section 7401(3) of title 38, United States  
19 Code (as amended by subsection (a)), not later than 1 year  
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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