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To amend 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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE**
4 **APPOINTMENT OF CLINICAL AND COUNSEL-**
5 **ING PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE VETERANS**
6 **HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7401(3) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended by striking out “who hold

1 diplomas 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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