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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO AP-**
 2 **POINTMENT OF CLINICAL AND COUNSELING**
 3 **PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE VETERANS HEALTH**
 4 **ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7401(3) of title 38, Unit-
 6 ed States Code, is amended by striking out “who hold di-
 7 plomas as diplomates in psychology from an accrediting
 8 authority approved by the Secretary”.

9 (b) CERTAIN OTHER APPOINTMENTS.—Section
 10 7405(a) of such title is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking out “Cer-
 12 tified or” and inserting in lieu thereof “Clinical or
 13 counseling psychologists, certified or”; and

14 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking out “Cer-
 15 tified or” and inserting in lieu thereof “Clinical or
 16 counseling psychologists, certified or”.

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

20 (d) APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstand-
 21 ing any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans
 22 Affairs shall begin to make appointments of clinical and
 23 counseling psychologists in the Veterans Health Adminis-
 24 tration under section 7401(3) of title 38, United States

- 1 Code (as amended by subsection (a)), not later than 1 year
- 2 after the date of enactment of this Act.

