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S. 1748

To permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Health Administration notwithstanding the notice and wait requirements of section 510 of title 38, United States Code, and to amend title 38, United States Code, to facilitate the reorganization of the headquarters of the Veterans Health Administration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 1996

Mr. SIMPSON (by request) 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 That except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
4 this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amend-
5 ment to a section or other provision, the reference shall

1 be considered to made to a section or other provision of
2 title 38, United States Code.

3 SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
4 proceed with the reorganization described in subsection (b)
5 of this section without regard to section 510 of title 38,
6 United States Code.

7 (b) The administrative reorganization referred to in
8 subsection (a) is the reorganization of the Veterans Health
9 Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs as
10 that reorganization and related activity are described in
11 a letter dated March 17, 1995, and the detailed plan and
12 justification enclosed therewith, submitted by the Sec-
13 retary to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
14 ate and the House of Representatives pursuant to section
15 510 of title 38, United States Code.

16 SEC. 3. Section 7305 is amended to read as follows:
17 "The Veterans Health Administration shall include the
18 Office of the Under Secretary for Health and such profes-
19 sional and auxiliary services as the Secretary may find to
20 be necessary to carry out the functions of the Administra-
21 tion."

22 SEC. 4. Section 7306 is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) by striking "and who shall be a quali-
25 fied doctor of medicine" in paragraph (2);

1 (B) by striking paragraphs (5) and (6) and
2 redesignating paragraphs (7), (8), and (9) as
3 paragraphs (5), (6), and (7).

4 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(b) Of the Assistant Under Secretaries for Health
7 appointed under subsection (a)(3), not more than two may
8 be persons qualified in the administration of health serv-
9 ices who are not doctors of medicine, dental surgery, or
10 dental medicines.”.

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