

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 131

To amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing:
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Improving Access to
- 5 Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers
- 6 Act".

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE**
2 **PRACTITIONERS IN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES'**
3 **COMPENSATION ACT.**

4 (a) INCLUSION.—Section 8101 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, other eligi-
7 ble providers,” after “osteopathic practitioners”;

8 (2) in paragraph (18), by striking “and” at the
9 end;

10 (3) in paragraph (19), by striking “and” at the
11 end;

12 (4) in paragraph (20), by striking the period at
13 the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (5) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(21) ‘other eligible provider’ means a nurse
16 practitioner or physician assistant within the scope
17 of the practice of that individual as defined by State
18 law.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subchapter I of
20 chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in section 8103(a)—

22 (A) by inserting “or other eligible pro-
23 vider” after “physician” each place that term
24 appears; and

25 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “(or
26 other eligible providers)” after “physicians”;

1 (2) in section 8121(6), by inserting “or other
2 eligible provider” after “physician”; and

3 (3) in section 8123(a)—

4 (A) in the second sentence, by inserting
5 “or other eligible provider” after “The employee
6 may have a physician”; and

7 (B) in the third sentence, by inserting “or
8 other eligible provider” after “United States
9 and the physician”.

10 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor
12 shall finalize rules to carry out the amendments made by
13 this Act.