

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MS. CHU OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 325, after line 9, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 705. ACUPUNCTURE UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.**

2 (a) MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10,  
4 United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
5 section 1074l the following new section:

6 **“§ 1074m. Provision of acupuncture**

7 “In accordance with section 1074(c) of this title, and  
8 under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, members  
9 of the uniformed services entitled to medical care under  
10 section 1074 shall also be entitled to acupuncture provided  
11 in a military medical treatment facility or a private facility  
12 by an acupuncturist who has been certified, licensed, or  
13 registered as an acupuncturist by a State, regardless of  
14 whether a physician or other health care practitioner de-  
15 termines such acupuncture to be medically necessary.”.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
17 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
18 by inserting after the item relating to section 1074l  
19 the following new item:

“1074m. Provision of acupuncture.”.

1 (b) TRICARE PROGRAM.—Section 1079(a) of title  
2 10, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (13), by inserting “or para-  
4 graph (18)” after “except as authorized in para-  
5 graph (4)”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(18) Acupuncture performed by an  
9 acupuncturist who is certified, licensed, registered,  
10 or otherwise permitted to perform acupuncture in  
11 the State in which the acupuncturist is located may  
12 be provided.”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 this section shall take effect on the date that is 180 days  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

