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

Page 325, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 705. ACUPUNCTURE UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.

(a) MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.—

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

“§ 1074m. Provision of acupuncture

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

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1074l the following new item:

“1074m. Provision of acupuncture.”.
(b) TRICARE Program.—Section 1079(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (13), by inserting “or paragraph (18)” after “except as authorized in paragraph (4)”;

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

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

(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.