Amendment to H.R. 2670 Offered by Mr. Wenstrup of Ohio

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

1 SEC. 7____. POLICY OF DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY ON EX 2 PANDED RECOGNITION OF BOARD CERTIFI 3 CATIONS FOR PHYSICIANS.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the 5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the De-6 fense Health Agency shall revise the policy of the Defense Health Agency related to credentialing and privileging 7 under the military health system to expand the recognition 8 9 of board certification for physicians under such policy to a wide range of additional board certifications in medical 10 specialties and subspecialties. 11

12 (b) BASELINE STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION.—To 13 receive recognition, a physician board certification must 14 meet the standards for recognition set forth, which shall 15 ensure that the specialty or subspecialty board certifi-16 cation reflects that any board certified physician has been 17 certified by one of the following certifying bodies:

1	(1) Under Multi-Specialty Organizations a phy-
2	sician should be board certified by one of the fol-
3	lowing:
4	(A) The American Board of Medical Spe-
5	cialties.
6	(B) The American Osteopathic Association.
7	(C) The American Board of Physician Spe-
8	cialties.
9	(2) Under Singular Specialty Organizations a
10	physician should be board certified by one of the fol-
11	lowing:
12	(A) Certifying Boards approved by the
13	Council on Podiatric Medical Educations
14	(B) The American Board of Oral and Max-
15	illofacial Surgery.
16	(C) The American Board of Pain Medicine.
17	(3) Should the physician board certification not
18	be listed contact the identified organization of which
19	each certifying body must maintain the following;
20	(A) A website that allows for the
21	verification of the certification that meets the
22	standards of the NCQA, URAC, et al.
23	(B) Must be a 501 nonprofit organization
24	with a headquarter office.

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1 (C) Have a full-time certification staff with 2 a psychometrician maintaining all testing psy-3 chometric processes.

(D) Must maintain certification through 4 5 continuous maintenance or recertification proc-6 esses, with a requirement of continuous knowl-7 edge development that maintains a demonstration component of testing [and/or] assessment. 8 This will ensure physicians maintain their 9 knowledge in the specialty or subspecialty in 10 11 which they practice safeguarding patient safety 12 and care.

13 (E) Primary source verification of edu-14 cation and training of all applicants.

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