AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. WENSTRUP OF OHIO

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

SEC. 7. POLICY OF DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY ON EXPANDED RECOGNITION OF BOARD CERTIFICATIONS FOR PHYSICIANS.

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

(b) BASELINE STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION.—To receive recognition, a physician board certification must meet the standards for recognition set forth, which shall ensure that the specialty or subspecialty board certification reflects that any board certified physician has been certified by one of the following certifying bodies:
(1) Under Multi-Specialty Organizations a physician should be board certified by one of the following:

   (A) The American Board of Medical Specialties.

   (B) The American Osteopathic Association.

   (C) The American Board of Physician Specialties.

(2) Under Singular Specialty Organizations a physician should be board certified by one of the following:

   (A) Certifying Boards approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Educations

   (B) The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

   (C) The American Board of Pain Medicine.

(3) Should the physician board certification not be listed contact the identified organization of which each certifying body must maintain the following:

   (A) A website that allows for the verification of the certification that meets the standards of the NCQA, URAC, et al.

   (B) Must be a 501 nonprofit organization with a headquarter office.
(C) Have a full-time certification staff with a psychometrician maintaining all testing psychometric processes.

(D) Must maintain certification through continuous maintenance or recertification processes, with a requirement of continuous knowledge development that maintains a demonstration component of testing and/or assessment. This will ensure physicians maintain their knowledge in the specialty or subspecialty in which they practice safeguarding patient safety and care.

(E) Primary source verification of education and training of all applicants.