

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. WENSTRUP OF OHIO**

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . EXPANSION OF RECOGNITION BY THE DEFENSE**  
2 **HEALTH AGENCY OF CERTIFYING BODIES**  
3 **FOR PHYSICIANS.**

4 (a) EXPANSION.—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  
7 Health Agency regarding the credentialing and privileging  
8 under the military health system to expand the recognition  
9 of certifying bodies for physicians under such policy to a  
10 wide range of additional board certifications in medical  
11 specialties and subspecialties. The following certifying  
12 bodies shall be so recognized:

13 (1) The member boards of the American Board  
14 of Medical Specialties.

15 (2) The Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists of  
16 the American Osteopathic Association.

17 (3) The American Board of Foot and Ankle  
18 Surgery.

1 (4) The American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

2 (5) The American Board of Oral and Maxillo-  
3 facial Surgery.

4 (b) STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION OF OTHER CER-  
5 TIFYING BODIES.—To be recognized under subsection (a),  
6 a certifying body shall—

7 (1) be an organization described in section  
8 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
9 exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that  
10 Code;

11 (2) maintain a process to define, periodically re-  
12 view, enforce, and update specific standards regard-  
13 ing knowledge and skills of the specialty or sub-  
14 specialty;

15 (3) administer a psychometrically valid assess-  
16 ment to determine whether a physician meets stand-  
17 ards for initial certification, recertification, or con-  
18 tinuing certification;

19 (4) establish and enforce a code of professional  
20 conduct; and

21 (5) require that, in order to be considered a  
22 board certified specialty physician, a physician must  
23 satisfy—

24 (A) the certifying body's applicable re-  
25 quirements for initial certification; and

1 (B) any applicable recertification or con-  
2 tinuing certification requirements of the certi-  
3 fying body that granted the initial certification.

