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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. INOUYE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICES AT VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7306(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (9) and inserting the following new paragraph (9):

"(9) The Director of Physician Assistant Services, who shall serve in a full-time capacity at the Central Office of the Department and who shall be a qualified physician assistant who shall be responsible to and report directly to the Under Secretary for Health on all matters relating to the education and training, employment, appropriate utilization, and optimal participation of physician assistants within the programs and initiatives of the Administration.".

(b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that an individual is serving as the Director of Physician Assistant Services under section 7306(a)(9) of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), by not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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