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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the definition of professional degree in the Higher Education
Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the definition of professional degree in the Higher
Education Act of 1965.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Professional Student
5 Degree Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROFESSIONAL DEGREE DEFINED.**

7 Section 455(a)(4)(C) of the Higher Education Act of
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(a)(4)(C)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “, as defined
2 under section 668.2 of title 34, Code of Federal
3 Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment
4 of this paragraph),”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(iii) PROFESSIONAL DEGREE.—In
7 this paragraph, the term ‘professional de-
8 gree’—

9 “(I) means a degree that sig-
10 nifies both completion of the academic
11 requirements for beginning practice in
12 a given profession (for which profes-
13 sional licensure is also commonly re-
14 quired), and a level of professional
15 skill beyond that normally required
16 for a bachelor’s degree, as determined
17 by the Secretary; and

18 “(II) includes each of the fol-
19 lowing degrees:

20 “(aa) Pharmacy
21 (Pharm.D.).

22 “(bb) Dentistry (D.D.S. or
23 D.M.D.).

24 “(cc) Veterinary Medicine
25 (D.V.M.).

- 1 “(dd) Chiropractic (D.C. or
2 D.C.M.).
- 3 “(ee) Law (L.L.B. or J.D.).
- 4 “(ff) Medicine (M.D.).
- 5 “(gg) Optometry (O.D.).
- 6 “(hh) Osteopathic Medicine/
7 Osteopathy (D.O.).
- 8 “(ii) Podiatric Medicine/Po-
9 diatry (D.P.M., D.P., or Pod.D.).
- 10 “(jj) Theology/Theological
11 Studies (M.Div., or M.H.L.).
- 12 “(kk) Clinical Psychology
13 (Psy.D. or Ph.D.).
- 14 “(ll) Ministry (D.Min.).
- 15 “(mm) Social Work (M.S.W.
16 or D.S.W.).
- 17 “(nn) Audiology (Au.D.).
- 18 “(oo) Physician Assistant/
19 Associate (M.P.A.S., M.S.P.A.S.,
20 M.M.S., or M.S.).
- 21 “(pp) Occupational Therapy
22 (M.O.T. or O.T.D.).
- 23 “(qq) Physical Therapy
24 (D.P.T.).

1 “(rr) Nursing (M.S.N.,
2 D.N.P., or Ph.D.).

3 “(ss) Public Health
4 (M.P.H.)

5 “(tt) Business Administra-
6 tion and Management, General
7 (M.B.A. or D.B.A.).

8 “(uu) Accounting (M.Acc. or
9 M.S.A.).

10 “(vv) Architecture
11 (M.Arch.).

12 “(ww) Education (M.A.,
13 M.S., M.A.T., M.Ed.).

14 “(xx) Special Education
15 (M.Ed. or M.S.Ed.).

16 “(yy) Any other degree that
17 meets the requirements of sub-
18 clause (I), as determined by the
19 Secretary.”.