

H.R. 658, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish qualifications for the appointment of a person as a marriage and family therapist, qualified to provide clinical supervision, in the Veterans Health Administration

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 6, 2025

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2025	2025-2030	2025-2035
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	0
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes	
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 658 would establish qualifications for marriage and family therapists who are authorized to provide clinical supervision within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). The bill would allow supervising therapists to qualify either by meeting state authorization requirements or by holding a designation as a supervisor from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

The qualifications established under the bill would not change the number of VHA personnel or materially affect hiring practices at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing the additional qualifications in the bill would not affect the federal budget.

See also

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