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H. R. 3666

To provide that, for the period ending August 31, 2007, veterans affected by Hurricane Katrina shall have access to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. REYES, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH**
4 **CARE ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY FOR VET-**
5 **ERANS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA.**

6 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—A Hurricane Katrina-affected vet-
7 eran who is otherwise eligible for hospital care, medical
8 services, and nursing home care from the Department of

1 Veterans Affairs in accordance with section 1710(a)(3) of
2 title 38, United States Code, shall, during the period be-
3 ginning on August 28, 2005, and ending at the close of
4 August 31, 2007, be eligible for such care and services
5 as if that veteran were covered by subparagraph (F) of
6 section 1710(a)(2) of that title.

7 (b) HURRICANE KATRINA-AFFECTED VETERAN DE-
8 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “Hurri-
9 cane Katrina-affected veteran” means a veteran (as de-
10 fined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) who
11 as of August 28, 2005, resided in, or was employed in,
12 a county identified as being adversely affected by Hurri-
13 cane Katrina in the State of Florida, Louisiana, Mis-
14 sissippi, or Alabama by Federal Disaster Declaration no-
15 tice 1602, 1603, 1604, or 1605, respectively (as amend-
16 ed), issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
17 cy.

18 (c) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
19 shall conduct an aggressive, comprehensive outreach pro-
20 gram to enhance the awareness of veterans made eligible
21 for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care
22 from the Department of Veterans Affairs by reason of
23 subsection (a).

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