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H. R. 294

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Long-Term Care Vet-
5 erans Choice Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONTRACT AU-**
2 **THORITY FOR TRANSFER OF VETERANS NON-**
3 **DEPARTMENT MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 1720 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(h)(1) During the three-year period beginning on
8 October 1, 2015, at the request of a veteran for whom
9 the Secretary is required to provide nursing home care
10 under section 1710A of this title, the Secretary may trans-
11 fer the veteran to a medical foster home that meets De-
12 partment standards, at the expense of the United States,
13 pursuant to a contract or agreement entered into between
14 the Secretary and the medical foster home for such pur-
15 pose. A veteran who is transferred to a medical foster
16 home under this subsection shall agree, as a condition of
17 such transfer, to accept home health services furnished by
18 the Secretary under section 1717 of this title.

19 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘med-
20 ical foster home’ means a home designed to provide non-
21 institutional, long-term, supportive care for veterans who
22 are unable to live independently and prefer a family set-
23 ting.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (h) of title 38,
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
3 effect on October 1, 2015.

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