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H. R. 294

[Report No. 114-35]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.

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

MARCH 2, 2015

Additional sponsors: Mr. COLE and Mr. NORCROSS

MARCH 2, 2015

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 13, 2015]

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”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONTRACT AU-**
7 **THORITY FOR PLACEMENT OF VETERANS IN**
8 **NON-DEPARTMENT MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES.**

9 *(a) AUTHORITY.—*

10 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1720 of title 38,*
11 *United States Code, is amended by adding at the end*
12 *the following new subsection:*

13 *“(h)(1) During the three-year period beginning on Oc-*
14 *tober 1, 2015, and subject to paragraph (2), at the request*
15 *of a veteran for whom the Secretary is required to provide*
16 *nursing home care under section 1710A of this title, the Sec-*
17 *retary may place the veteran in a medical foster home that*
18 *meets Department standards, at the expense of the United*
19 *States, pursuant to a contract or agreement entered into*
20 *between the Secretary and the medical foster home for such*
21 *purpose. A veteran who is placed in a medical foster home*
22 *under this subsection shall agree, as a condition of such*
23 *placement, to accept home health services furnished by the*
24 *Secretary under section 1717 of this title.*

1 “(2) Not more than 900 veterans placed in a medical
2 foster home, whether placed before or after the enactment
3 of the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act, may have their
4 care covered at the expense of the United States under sub-
5 section (a).

6 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘medical foster home’
7 means a home designed to provide non-institutional, long-
8 term, supportive care for veterans who are unable to live
9 independently and prefer a family setting.”.

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

13 (b) *LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS AND BONUSES.*—Section
14 705 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act
15 of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 703 note) is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 705. LIMITATION ON AWARDS AND BONUSES PAID TO**
18 **EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
19 **AFFAIRS.**

20 “The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that
21 the aggregate amount of awards and bonuses paid by the
22 Secretary in a fiscal year under chapter 45 or 53 of title
23 5, United States Code, or any other awards or bonuses au-
24 thorized under such title or title 38, United States Code,
25 does not exceed the following amounts:

1 “(1) *With respect to each of fiscal years 2015*
2 *through 2018, \$300,000,000.*

3 “(2) *With respect to each of fiscal years 2019*
4 *through 2024, \$360,000,000.”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.”.

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