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H. R. 4886

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HOUCHIN 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 “Larry Barrett Vet-
5 erans’ Memory Care Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION UNDER VETERANS COMMUNITY**
2 **CARE PROGRAM OF VETERAN PREFERENCE**
3 **FOR CARE, CONTINUITY OF CARE, AND NEED**
4 **FOR CAREGIVER OR ATTENDANT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1703(d)(2) of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subparagraphs:

8 “(F) During the three-year period beginning on
9 the date of the enactment of the Dignity in Veterans
10 Aging Act of 2025—

11 “(i) in the case of a covered veteran seek-
12 ing extended care services—

13 “(I) the preference of the covered vet-
14 eran for where, when, and how to seek
15 such services; and

16 “(II) whether the covered veteran re-
17 quests or requires the assistance of a care-
18 giver or attendant when seeking such serv-
19 ices; and

20 “(ii) continuity of care.”.

21 (b) TREATMENT OF SUNSET.—In the case of a vet-
22 eran who is a covered veteran under section 1703 of title
23 38, United States Code, and who is receiving extended
24 care services pursuant to subparagraph (F) of subsection
25 (d)(2) of such section, the veteran may continue to receive
26 such care or services until the end of the episode of care

1 notwithstanding the termination date specified in such
2 subparagraph.

3 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CERTAIN RE-**
4 **QUESTS FOR VETERANS CARE AGREEMENTS.**

5 Section 1703A of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (k) and (l) as
8 subsections (l) and (m), respectively;

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection (k):

11 “(k) EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROCESS.—(1) In the
12 case of a request made by a covered individual described
13 in paragraph (2) for a Veterans Care Agreement with an
14 eligible entity or provider, the Secretary shall—

15 “(A) approve the request under this section, in-
16 cluding the certification under subsection (c) regard-
17 less of whether the eligible entity or provider meets
18 the criteria under such subsection or the require-
19 ments under subsection (e), by not later than 30
20 days after the date on which the request is made;
21 and

22 “(B) during the period beginning on the date of
23 the request and ending on the date of the approval
24 of the request, provide in-home care services for the
25 covered veteran under section 1720L of this title.

1 “(2) A covered individual described in this subsection
2 is a covered individual who—

3 “(A) has expressed to the Secretary a pref-
4 erence to receive an extended care service required
5 by the individual from an eligible entity or provider
6 that—

7 “(i) is not party to a Veterans Care Agree-
8 ment under this section; and

9 “(ii) is not a health care provider specified
10 in section 1703(c) of this title; and

11 “(B) resides in a location that requires trav-
12 eling for longer than an hour to reach the location
13 of any health care provider specified in section
14 1703(c) of this title who is qualified to furnish the
15 extended care service required by the individual.”;
16 and

17 (3) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “subsection
18 (k)” and inserting “subsection (l)”.

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