(b) The analysis of chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"4116. Defense of certain malpractice and negligence suits."

(c) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first calendar month which begins more than one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this Act, but, in the case of an act or omission which occurred before such effective date, such amendments shall apply only if no suit or civil action has been commenced before such effective date with respect to such act or omission. Effective date.

SEC. 7. (a) Subsection (c) of section 5033 and paragraph (3) of section 5035(b) of title 38, United States Code, are hereby repealed; and paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 5035(b) of such title are hereby redesignated as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively. Nursing home care. Repeals. 78 Stat. 501.

(b) Section 5034(1) of such title is amended by striking out "one-half bed" and inserting in lieu thereof "one and one-half beds".

SEC. 8. (a) Section 5001(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by redesignating paragraph (2) thereof as paragraph (3) and by inserting immediately after paragraph (1) thereof the following: 72 Stat. 1251; 78 Stat. 500.

"(2) The Administrator, subject to the approval of the President, is authorized to establish and operate not less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand hospital beds in facilities over which the Administrator has direct and exclusive jurisdiction for the care and treatment of eligible veterans who are tuberculosis, neuropsychiatric, medical, and surgical cases."

(b) Paragraph (3) of such section (as redesignated by subsection (a) of this section) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The nursing beds authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to the hospital beds provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection."

SEC. 9. The amendments made by the first section and sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act. Effective date.

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AN ACT

November 1, 1965
[H. R. 10369]

To give the consent of Congress to the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont to become parties to title II of the Compact on Taxation of Motor Fuels Consumed by Interstate Buses and the Agreement relating to Bus Taxation Proration and Reciprocity.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is given to the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont to become parties to title II of the Compact on Taxation of Motor Fuels Consumed by Interstate Buses and to the Agreement relating to Bus Taxation Proration and Reciprocity as consented to by the Congress in the Act of April 14, 1965 (79 Stat. 60). Conn.-R.I.-Vt. Bus taxation compact.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved November 1, 1965.

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