

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1762

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the scope of the respite care program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. SAXTON) 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 RESPITE**
4 **CARE PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1720B of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “eligible” and
8 inserting “enrolled”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by striking “the term ‘respite care’
3 means hospital or nursing home care” and in-
4 serting “the term ‘respite care services’ means
5 care and services”;

6 (B) by striking “is” at the beginning of
7 each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and insert-
8 ing “are”; and

9 (C) by striking “in a Department facility”
10 in paragraph (2); and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(c) In furnishing respite care services, the Secretary
14 may enter into contract arrangements.”.

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