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To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for hospital care and medical services under chapter 17 of that title to veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for hospital care and medical services under chapter 17 of that title to veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes.

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. ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS FOR HOSPITAL**
 4 **CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES BASED ON**
 5 **AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.**

6 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 1710(a)(2) of title 38,
 7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph
 9 (F);

10 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as sub-
 11 paragraph (H); and

12 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-
 13 lowing new subparagraph (G):

14 “(G) who has been awarded the Purple
 15 Heart; or”.

16 (b) ENROLLMENT PRIORITY.—Section 1705(a)(3) of
 17 such title is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and veterans” and inserting
 19 “veterans”; and

20 (2) by inserting “, and veterans whose eligibility
 21 for care and services under this chapter is based

1 solely on the award of the Purple Heart” before the
2 period at the end.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section
4 1722(a) of such title is amended by striking “section
5 1710(a)(2)(G)” and inserting “section 1710(a)(2)(H)”.

6 (2) Section 5317(c)(3) of such title is amended by
7 striking “subsections (a)(2)(G),” and inserting “sub-
8 sections (a)(2)(H),”.

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