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# H. R. 3796

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (for herself, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. ROTHMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH**  
2 **CARE PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN LOW-INCOME**  
3 **VETERANS BASED UPON REGIONAL INCOME**  
4 **THRESHOLDS.**

5 (a) CHANGE IN PRIORITY CATEGORY.—Effective Oc-  
6 tober 2, 2002, section 1705(a) of title 38, United States  
7 Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (5)—

9 (A) by inserting “(A) who are” after “Vet-  
10 erans”;

11 (B) by inserting “and” after “through  
12 (4)”;

13 (C) by inserting before the period at the  
14 end the following: “, or (B) who are described  
15 in section 1710(a)(3) of this title and who are  
16 eligible for treatment as a low-income family  
17 under section 3(b) of the United States Hous-  
18 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)) for the  
19 area in which such veterans reside, regardless  
20 of whether such veterans are treated as single  
21 person families under paragraph (3)(A) of such  
22 section 3(b) or as families under paragraph  
23 (3)(B) of such section 3(b)”;

24 (2) by striking paragraph (7); and

1           (3) by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-  
2       graph (7) and in that paragraph by striking “para-  
3       graph (7)” and inserting “paragraph (5)(B)”.

4       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Effective October  
5   2, 2002, section 1710(f)(4) of such title is amended by  
6   striking “section 1705(a)(7)” and inserting “section  
7   1705(a)(5)(B)”.

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