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H. R. 2816

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York) 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 HEALTH**
4 **CARE PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN LOW-INCOME**
5 **VETERANS BASED UPON REGIONAL INCOME**
6 **THRESHOLDS.**

7 (a) CHANGE IN PRIORITY CATEGORY.—Section
8 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (5)—

2 (A) by inserting “(A) who are” after “Vet-
3 erans”;

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

6 (C) by inserting before the period at the
7 end the following: “, or (B) who are described
8 in section 1710(a)(3) of this title and are eligi-
9 ble for treatment as a low-income family under
10 section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act
11 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)) for the area in
12 which such veterans reside, regardless of wheth-
13 er such veterans are treated as single person
14 families under paragraph (3)(A) of such section
15 3(b) or as families under paragraph (3)(B) of
16 such section 3(b)”;

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

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

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1710(f)(4)
22 of such title is amended by striking “section 1705(a)(7)”
23 and inserting “section 1705(a)(5)(B)”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect on October 2, 2004.

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