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To provide for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of contracting for the use of private memory care facilities for veterans with Alzheimer's Disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYNOLDS (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. FORTUÑO, Ms. GIFFORDS, Mr. HAYES, Mr. KUHLMANN of New York, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. WOLF) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM OF USE OF PRIVATE MEMORY**
3 **CARE FACILITIES FOR VETERANS WITH ALZ-**
4 **HEIMER'S DISEASE.**

5 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
6 fairs shall conduct a pilot program to determine the effec-
7 tiveness of contracting with private memory care facilities
8 to provide needed services for veterans suffering from Alz-
9 heimer's Disease as an alternative to the provision by the
10 Secretary of inpatient care or home health care for such
11 veterans.

12 (b) SCOPE OF PILOT PROGRAM.—(1) The pilot pro-
13 gram shall be conducted through five medical centers of
14 the Veterans Health Administration selected by the Sec-
15 retary for such purpose.

16 (2) The program shall be conducted during fiscal
17 years 2007 and 2008.

18 (3) Under the pilot program, the Secretary may con-
19 tract for services for eligible veterans from private memory
20 care facilities. Any such contract shall be entered into in
21 the same manner as applies to contracts under section
22 1703 of title 38, United States Code.

23 (c) REPORT.—Upon the conclusion of the pilot pro-
24 gram, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report pro-
25 viding the results of the pilot program. The report shall
26 be submitted not later than 90 days after the end of the

1 pilot program. The Secretary shall include in the report
2 the following:

3 (1) The Secretary's assessment of the benefits
4 to veterans of the pilot program.

5 (2) The Secretary's assessment of the effect of
6 the pilot program on the Department of Veterans
7 Affairs, including the effect on delivery of health
8 care to veterans suffering from Alzheimer's disease
9 or related memory disorders.

10 (3) Any other findings and conclusions of the
11 Secretary with respect to the pilot program.

12 (4) Any recommendations of the Secretary
13 for—

14 (A) continuation of the pilot program;

15 (B) extension of the pilot program to other
16 service regions or to all service regions of the
17 Department of Veterans Affairs; or

18 (C) for making the authority to enter into
19 contracts as described in subsection (b)(3) a
20 permanent authority under section 1703 of title
21 38, United States Code.

22 (d) MEMORY CARE FACILITIES.—For purposes of
23 this section, the term “memory care facility” means a fa-
24 cility that provides specialized services and housing that

- 1 are tailored to the individual needs of those suffering from
- 2 Alzheimer's disease or related memory disorders.

