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H. R. 449

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the availability of health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by adjusting the income level for certain priority veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESTAK 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health Care for Amer-
5 ica’s Heroes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH CARE**
2 **PROVIDED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
3 **FAIRS BY ADJUSTING THE INCOME LEVEL**
4 **FOR CERTAIN PRIORITY VETERANS.**

5 (a) **ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME LEVEL.**—Subsection
6 (a)(7) of section 1705 of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “who are eligible for treatment as
8 a low-income family” and inserting “whose incomes do not
9 exceed 200 percent of the maximum income of a family
10 that is eligible for treatment as a low-income family”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to patient enroll-
13 ments in the system of annual patient enrollment under
14 section 1705 of title 38, United States Code, for fiscal
15 years beginning on or after the date of the enactment of
16 this Act.

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