

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4894

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure appropriate treatment of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2010

Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. McKEON, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CULBERSON, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. BILBRAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. TREATMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
2 **AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
3 **HEALTH PROGRAMS.**

4 Subtitle G of title I of the Patient Protection and Af-  
5 fordable Care Act is amended by inserting the following  
6 new section:

7 **“SEC. 1564. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DE-**  
8 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS.**

9 “(a) CLARIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN  
10 PROGRAMS AND AUTHORITIES.—Nothing in this Act or  
11 in the amendments made by this Act shall be construed  
12 as affecting any of the following:

13 “(1) Any authority under title 38, United  
14 States Code.

15 “(2) Any authority under chapter 55 of title 10,  
16 United States Code.

17 “(3) Any health care or health care benefit pro-  
18 vided under the TRICARE program under chapter  
19 55 of title 10, United States Code, or by the Sec-  
20 retary of Veterans Affairs under the laws adminis-  
21 tered by such Secretary.

22 “(b) CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO MINIMUM  
23 ESSENTIAL COVERAGE.—For purposes of this Act and the  
24 amendments made by this Act, the term ‘minimum essen-  
25 tial coverage’ includes the following:

1           “(1) Coverage provided under chapter 55 of  
2           title 10, United States Code.

3           “(2) Eligibility for health care provided by the  
4           Secretary of Veterans Affairs under title 38, United  
5           States Code.”.

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