

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5653

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide dental care to veterans awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2012

Ms. BALDWIN 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 “Make Our Veterans
5 Smile Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF DENTAL CARE BY SECRETARY OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO VETERANS AWARDED**
3 **THE PURPLE HEART.**

4 (a) PROVISION OF CARE.—Section 1712(a)(1) of title
5 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (G); by striking “or”;

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as sub-
8 paragraph (I); and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
10 lowing new subparagraph (H):

11 “(H) from which a veteran who was awarded
12 the Purple Heart is suffering; or”.

13 (b) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CARE BY ENTERING
14 INTO CONTRACTS.—Section 1703(a)(7) of such title is
15 amended by striking “section 1712(a)(1)(F)” and insert-
16 ing “section 1712(a)(1)”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to out-
19 patient dental services and treatment, and related dental
20 appliances, furnished on or after January 1, 2013.

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