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H. R. 3647

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of guide dogs to veterans blinded by a service-connected injury.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AMODEI 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. PROVISION OF GUIDE DOGS TO CERTAIN**
4 **BLIND VETERANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 1714 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(b)(1) The Secretary shall provide guide dogs
9 trained for the aid of the blind to a veteran who—

1 “(A) is blind by reason of a service-connected
2 injury;

3 “(B) is enrolled under section 1705 of this title;
4 and

5 “(C) elects to receive such a dog.

6 “(2) The Secretary may provide guide dogs trained
7 for the aid of the blind to a veteran who is—

8 “(A) enrolled under section 1705 of this title;
9 and

10 “(B) not otherwise described under paragraph
11 (1)(A).

12 “(3) The Secretary may also provide a veteran de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1) or (2) with mechanical or elec-
14 tronic equipment for aiding them in overcoming the dis-
15 ability of blindness.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1714(d) of
17 such title is amended by striking “subsection (b) or (c)”
18 and inserting “paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) or
19 subsection (c)”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall take effect on the date that is 60 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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