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H. R. 5097

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow certain veterans to participate in the Patient-Centered Community Care program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOUSTANY 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 “Local Care for Vet-
5 erans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION IN PATIENT-CENTERED COMMU-**
7 **NITY CARE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9 shall ensure that a veteran described in subsection (b) may

1 elect to receive health care treatment and services under
2 the Patient-Centered Community Care program.

3 (b) VETERAN DESCRIBED.—A veteran described in
4 this subsection is a veteran whom the Secretary deter-
5 mines meets the following criteria:

6 (1) The veteran is enrolled in the health care
7 system established under section 1705(a) of title 38,
8 United States Code.

9 (2) The veteran resides not more than 50 miles
10 from the nearest facility of the Department of Vet-
11 erans Affairs that—

12 (A) the Secretary has identified—

13 (i) in a prospectus level lease request,
14 regardless of the date of such request, as
15 being deficient with respect to providing
16 certain treatment or services; or

17 (ii) as needing expansion; and

18 (B) the Secretary determines that such a
19 deficiency has not been resolved or such an ex-
20 pansion has not occurred, including pursuant to
21 leases entered into under an Act authorizing
22 major medical facility leases.

23 (c) HEALTH CARE TREATMENT AND SERVICES.—
24 The health care treatment and services a veteran may re-
25 ceive under this section shall be—

1 (1) the treatment and services identified as
2 being deficient if the veteran lives not more than 50
3 miles from a facility described in clause (i) of sub-
4 section (b)(2)(A); and

5 (2) the treatment and services the veteran is el-
6 igible for under chapter 17 of title 38, United States
7 Code, if the veteran lives not more than 50 miles
8 from a facility described in clause (ii) of such sub-
9 section.

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