

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1863

To amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to expand the Veterans Choice Program to veterans who would otherwise receive medical care from a deficient medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2015

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF CARE UNDER VETERANS CHOICE**
2 **PROGRAM FOR VETERANS RESIDING NEAR**
3 **DEFICIENT MEDICAL FACILITY OF THE DE-**
4 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Section 101(b)(2) of the Veterans Access, Choice,
6 and Accountability Act of 2014 (38 U.S.C. 1701 note) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking “or”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

13 “(E) notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A),
14 resides not more than 50 miles from the med-
15 ical facility of the Department, including a com-
16 munity-based outpatient clinic, that is closest to
17 the residence of the veteran if—

18 “(i) the Secretary has identified such
19 medical facility—

20 “(I) in a prospectus level lease
21 request, regardless of the date of such
22 request, as being deficient with re-
23 spect to providing certain treatment
24 or services; or

25 “(II) as needing expansion; and

1 “(ii) the Secretary determines that
2 such a deficiency has not been resolved or
3 such an expansion has not occurred, in-
4 cluding pursuant to leases entered into
5 under an Act authorizing major medical
6 facility leases.”.

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