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H. R. 294

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2015

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Long-Term Care Vet-
3 erans Choice Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONTRACT AU-**
5 **THORITY FOR PLACEMENT OF VETERANS IN**
6 **NON-DEPARTMENT MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES.**

7 (a) AUTHORITY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1720 of title 38,
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new subsection:

11 “(h)(1) During the 3-year period beginning on Octo-
12 ber 1, 2015, and subject to paragraph (2), at the request
13 of a veteran for whom the Secretary is required to provide
14 nursing home care under section 1710A of this title, the
15 Secretary may place the veteran in a medical foster home
16 that meets Department standards, at the expense of the
17 United States, pursuant to a contract or agreement en-
18 tered into between the Secretary and the medical foster
19 home for such purpose. A veteran who is placed in a med-
20 ical foster home under this subsection shall agree, as a
21 condition of such placement, to accept home health serv-
22 ices furnished by the Secretary under section 1717 of this
23 title.

24 “(2) Not more than 900 veterans placed in a medical
25 foster home, whether placed before or after the enactment
26 of the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act, may have

1 their care covered at the expense of the United States
2 under subsection (a).

3 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘medical foster
4 home’ means a home designed to provide non-institutional,
5 long-term, supportive care for veterans who are unable to
6 live independently and prefer a family setting.”.

7 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (h) of title
8 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),
9 shall take effect on October 1, 2015.

10 (b) LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS AND BONUSES.—Sec-
11 tion 705 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
12 ability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 703
13 note) is amended to read as follows:

14 **“SEC. 705. LIMITATION ON AWARDS AND BONUSES PAID TO**
15 **EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
16 **AFFAIRS.**

17 “The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that
18 the aggregate amount of awards and bonuses paid by the
19 Secretary in a fiscal year under chapter 45 or 53 of title
20 5, United States Code, or any other awards or bonuses
21 authorized under such title or title 38, United States
22 Code, does not exceed the following amounts:

23 “(1) With respect to each of fiscal years 2015
24 through 2018, \$300,000,000.

1 “(2) With respect to each of fiscal years 2019
2 through 2024, \$360,000,000.”.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 2,
2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.