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S. 1527

To appropriate amounts to the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2017

Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 “Protecting Access to
5 Care for Veterans Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATION OF AMOUNTS FOR VETERANS**
7 **CHOICE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
9 priated, and is appropriated, to the Secretary of Veterans
10 Affairs, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise

1 appropriated, \$4,300,000,000 to be deposited in the Vet-
2 erans Choice Fund under section 802 of the Veterans Ac-
3 cess, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law
4 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

5 (b) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—The amount ap-
6 propriated under subsection (a) shall be available for obli-
7 gation or expenditure without fiscal year limitation.

8 (c) PROHIBITION ON OTHER USE.—The Secretary of
9 Veterans Affairs may not use or reprogram amounts ap-
10 propriated under subsection (a) for any purpose other
11 than to carry out the program under section 101 of the
12 Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014
13 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

14 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—This Act is designated as an
16 emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the
17 Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

18 (b) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate, this
19 Act is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant
20 to section 403(a) of S. Con. Res. 13 (111th Congress),
21 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year
22 2010.

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