

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6802

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend or make permanent certain authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs expiring in 2008, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2008

Mr. BUYER 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Veterans’ Authorities Extension Act of 2008”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Repeal of sunset on inclusion of noninstitutional extended care services
in definition of medical services.

Sec. 3. Extension of recovery audit authority.

Sec. 4. Permanent authority for provision of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who participated in certain chemical and biological testing conducted by the Department of Defense.

Sec. 5. Extension of health care copayments collections authority.

Sec. 6. Extension of nursing home care.

Sec. 7. Extension of collections authority from health plans for nonservice-connected health care provided to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Sec. 8. Permanent authority to carry out income verification.

Sec. 9. Permanent authority to establish research corporations.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF SUNSET ON INCLUSION OF NON-**
 2 **INSTITUTIONAL EXTENDED CARE SERVICES**
 3 **IN DEFINITION OF MEDICAL SERVICES.**

4 Section 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is
 5 amended—

6 (1) by striking paragraph (10); and

7 (2) in paragraph (6)—

8 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
 9 and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respec-
 10 tively; and

11 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
 12 the following new subparagraph (E):

13 “(E) Noninstitutional extended care serv-
 14 ices, including alternatives to institutional ex-
 15 tended care which the Secretary may furnish di-
 16 rectly, by contract, or through provision of case
 17 management by another provider or payer.”.

18 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF RECOVERY AUDIT AUTHORITY.**

19 Section 1703(d)(4) of title 38, United States Code,
 20 is amended by striking “2008” and inserting “2013”.

1 **SEC. 4. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR PROVISION OF HOS-**
2 **PITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND NURS-**
3 **ING HOME CARE TO VETERANS WHO PAR-**
4 **TICIPATED IN CERTAIN CHEMICAL AND BIO-**
5 **LOGICAL TESTING CONDUCTED BY THE DE-**
6 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 Section 1710(e)(3) of title 38, United States Code,
8 is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and”
10 after the semicolon;

11 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and”
12 and inserting a period; and

13 (3) by striking subparagraph (D).

14 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF HEALTH CARE COPAYMENTS COL-**
15 **LECTIONS AUTHORITY.**

16 Section 1710(f)(2)(B) of title 38, United States
17 Code, is amended by striking “2008” and inserting
18 “2009”.

19 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF NURSING HOME CARE.**

20 Section 1710A(d) of title 38, United States Code, is
21 amended by striking “2008” and inserting “2013”.

1 **SEC. 7. EXTENSION OF COLLECTIONS AUTHORITY FROM**
2 **HEALTH PLANS FOR NONSERVICE-CON-**
3 **NECTED HEALTH CARE PROVIDED TO VET-**
4 **ERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABIL-**
5 **ITIES.**

6 Section 1729(a)(2)(E) of title 38, United States
7 Code, is amended by striking “2008” and inserting
8 “2009”.

9 **SEC. 8. PERMANENT AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT INCOME**
10 **VERIFICATION.**

11 Section 5317 of title 38, United States Code, is
12 amended by striking subsection (g).

13 **SEC. 9. PERMANENT AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH RESEARCH**
14 **CORPORATIONS.**

15 (a) **REPEAL.**—Section 7368 of title 38, United States
16 Code, is repealed.

17 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections
18 at the beginning of chapter 73 of such title is amended
19 by striking the item relating to section 7368.

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