

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3103

To revise certain requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program of enhanced contract care authority for health care needs of veterans in highly rural areas.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
2 **THE PILOT PROGRAM OF ENHANCED CON-**  
3 **TRACT CARE AUTHORITY FOR HEALTH CARE**  
4 **NEEDS OF VETERANS IN HIGHLY RURAL**  
5 **AREAS.**

6 Subsection (b) of section 403 of the Veterans' Mental  
7 Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008 (Public  
8 Law 110-387; 38 U.S.C. 1703 note) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 “(b) COVERED VETERANS.—For purposes of the  
11 pilot program under this section, a covered veteran is any  
12 veteran who—

13 “(1) is—

14 “(A) enrolled in the system of patient en-  
15 rollment established under section 1705(a) of  
16 title 38, United States Code, as of the date of  
17 the commencement of the pilot program under  
18 subsection (a)(2); or

19 “(B) eligible for health care under section  
20 1710(e)(3)(C) of title 38, United States Code;  
21 and

22 “(2) resides in a location that is—

23 “(A) more than 60 minutes' driving dis-  
24 tance, as determined by the Secretary, from the  
25 nearest Department health care facility pro-

1           viding primary care services, in the case of a  
2           veteran seeking such services;

3           “(B) more than 120 minutes’ driving dis-  
4           tance, as determined by the Secretary, from the  
5           nearest Department health care facility pro-  
6           viding acute hospital care, in the case of a vet-  
7           eran seeking such care; and

8           “(C) more than 240 minutes’ driving dis-  
9           tance, as determined by the Secretary, from the  
10          nearest Department health care facility pro-  
11          viding tertiary care, in the case of a veteran  
12          seeking such care.”.

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