

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.

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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 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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