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H. R. 4276

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

AN ACT

To extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

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 “Veterans Traumatic
3 Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PILOT PRO-**
5 **GRAM ON ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES FOR**
6 **VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

7 (a) MODIFICATION OF REPORT REQUIREMENTS.—
8 Subsection (e) of section 1705 of the National Defense
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–
10 181; 38 U.S.C. 1710C note) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(e) REPORTS.—

12 “(1) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each calendar
14 quarter occurring during the period beginning
15 January 1, 2015, and ending September 30,
16 2017, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
17 mittees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
18 the House of Representatives a report on the
19 pilot program.

20 “(B) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted
21 under subparagraph (A) shall include each of
22 the following for the quarter preceding the
23 quarter during which the report is submitted
24 the following:

25 “(i) The number of individuals that
26 participated in the pilot program.

1 “(ii) The number of individuals that
2 successfully completed the pilot program.

3 “(iii) The degree to which pilot pro-
4 gram participants and family members of
5 pilot program participants were satisfied
6 with the pilot program.

7 “(iv) The interim findings and conclu-
8 sions of the Secretary with respect to the
9 success of the pilot program and rec-
10 ommendations for improvement.

11 “(2) FINAL REPORT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
13 days after the completion of the pilot program,
14 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
15 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the
16 House of Representatives a final report on the
17 pilot program.

18 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The final report re-
19 quired by subparagraph (A) shall include the
20 following:

21 “(i) A description of the pilot pro-
22 gram.

23 “(ii) The Secretary’s assessment of
24 the utility of the activities carried out
25 under the pilot program in enhancing the

1 rehabilitation, quality of life, and commu-
2 nity reintegration of veterans with trau-
3 matic brain injury.

4 “(iii) An evaluation of the pilot pro-
5 gram in light of independent living pro-
6 grams carried out by the Secretary under
7 title 38, United States Code, including—

8 “(I) whether the pilot program
9 duplicates services provided under
10 such independent living programs;

11 “(II) the ways in which the pilot
12 program provides different services
13 that the services provided under such
14 independent living program;

15 “(III) how the pilot program
16 could be better defined or shaped; and

17 “(IV) whether the pilot program
18 should be incorporated into such inde-
19 pendent living programs.

20 “(iv) Such recommendations as the
21 Secretary considers appropriate regarding
22 improving the pilot program.”.

23 (b) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY-BASED BRAIN IN-
24 JURY RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATIVE CARE SERVICES.—
25 Such section is further amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**AS-**
2 **SISTED LIVING**” and inserting “**COMMUNITY-**
3 **BASED BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL REHABILI-**
4 **TATIVE CARE**”;

5 (2) in subsection (e), in the subsection heading,
6 by striking “ASSISTED LIVING” and inserting “COM-
7 MUNITY-BASED BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL REHA-
8 BILITATIVE CARE”;

9 (3) by striking “assisted living” each place it
10 appears, and inserting “community-based brain in-
11 jury rehabilitative care”; and

12 (4) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “and per-
13 sonal care” and inserting “rehabilitation, and per-
14 sonal care”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.

18 (d) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No
19 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
20 carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act,

1 and this Act and such amendments shall be carried out
2 using amounts otherwise available for such purpose.

Passed the House of Representatives September 16,
2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.