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H. R. 4725

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that all veterans are eligible to participate in hospice care programs of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of New York 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Care for our Heroes
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE**
2 **CARE.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1710 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and
7 in accordance with the priorities specified in section
8 1705(a) of this title, each veteran is eligible to participate
9 in a hospice program (or a similar program) conducted
10 by the Secretary, regardless of—

11 “(1) the net worth or income of the veteran,
12 spouse of the veteran, or child of the veteran; or

13 “(2) whether the Secretary has otherwise fur-
14 nished to the veteran any benefit under the laws ad-
15 ministered by the Secretary.”.

16 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a veteran who
18 seeks to participate in a hospice program (or similar pro-
19 gram) conducted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on
20 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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