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H. R. 272

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the priority for enrollment of medal of honor recipients in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2015

Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the priority for enrollment of medal of honor recipients in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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 “Medal of Honor Pri-
5 ority Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS IN**
2 **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **ENROLLMENT PRIORITY.**—Section 1705(a) of
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting the following: “and veterans
8 who were awarded the medal of honor under section
9 3741, 6241, or 8741 of title 10 or section 491 of
10 title 14.”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “veterans who
12 were awarded the medal of honor under section
13 3741, 6241, or 8741 of title 10 or section 491 of
14 title 14,”.

15 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 1710(a)(2)(D) of such
16 title is amended by inserting after “war” the following:
17 “, who was awarded the medal of honor under section
18 3741, 6241, or 8741 of title 10 or section 491 of title
19 14,”.

20 (c) **EXTENDED CARE SERVICES.**—Section
21 1710B(e)(2) of such title is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or”;

23 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
24 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
26 paragraph:

1 “(D) to a veteran who was awarded the medal
2 of honor under section 3741, 6241, or 8741 of title
3 10 or section 491 of title 14.”.

4 (d) COPAYMENT FOR MEDICATIONS.—Section
5 1722A(a)(3) of such title is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or”;

7 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
8 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(D) to a veteran who was awarded the medal
12 of honor under section 3741, 6241, or 8741 of title
13 10 or section 491 of title 14.”.

14 (e) APPLICATION.—The priority of enrollment of
15 medal of honor recipients pursuant to chapter 17 of title
16 38, United States Code, as amended by this section, shall
17 apply to each such recipient, regardless of the date on
18 which the medal is awarded.

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