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# H. R. 4052

To amend the Public Health Service Act to prioritize the treatment of veterans with traumatic brain injuries through the National Health Service Corps, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California (for herself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Mr. HASTINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to prioritize the treatment of veterans with traumatic brain injuries through the National Health Service Corps, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PRIORITIZING TREATMENT OF TRAUMATIC**  
2 **BRAIN INJURIES AND PTSD BY NATIONAL**  
3 **HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**

4 (a) PRIORITY IN ASSIGNING CORPS PERSONNEL.—  
5 Section 333A(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 254f–1(a)(1)) is amended by striking “(1) give pri-  
7 ority to” and all that follows through the end of subpara-  
8 graph (A) and inserting the following:

9 “(1) give priority to any such application  
10 that—

11 “(A) is made regarding the provision of  
12 primary health services to a health professional  
13 shortage area—

14 “(i) with the greatest such shortage;  
15 or

16 “(ii) serving a high number of vet-  
17 erans (as defined in section 101(2) of title  
18 38, United States Code) with mental and  
19 behavioral issues and other ailments result-  
20 ing from traumatic brain injuries; and”.

21 (b) PRIORITY FOR RECEIVING LOAN REPAYMENT  
22 CONTRACTS.—Section 338B(d)(2) of the Public Health  
23 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1(d)(2)) is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
25 the end;

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

3           (3) by adding at the end the following:

4                   “(D) to any application for such a contract  
5                   submitted by an individual who has received, or  
6                   is receiving, training with respect to assessment  
7                   of risk for, early intervention for, and diagnosis,  
8                   management, and treatment of, posttraumatic  
9                   stress disorder (including in connection with  
10                  traumatic brain injuries) pursuant to clinical  
11                  practice guidelines of the Department of Vet-  
12                  erans Affairs and the Department of Defense.”.

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