

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# **S. 1463**

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## **AN ACT**

To amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities.

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 “Access to Community  
5 Care for Veterans Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF DISTANCE REQUIREMENT FOR**  
7                    **EXPANDED AVAILABILITY OF HOSPITAL**  
8                    **CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES FOR VET-**  
9                    **ERANS THROUGH THE USE OF AGREEMENTS**  
10                   **WITH NON-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
11                   **FAIRS ENTITIES.**

12        (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of section  
13 101(b)(2) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-  
14 ability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701  
15 note) is amended to read as follows:

16                    “(B) resides more than 40 miles (cal-  
17                    culated based on distance traveled) from a med-  
18                    ical facility of the Department, including a com-  
19                    munity-based outpatient clinic, that is the clos-  
20                    est such medical facility to the residence of the  
21                    veteran that is able to provide to the veteran  
22                    the hospital care or medical services that the  
23                    veteran needs;”.

24        (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
25 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 60 days

1 after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply  
2 with respect to care and services provided under section  
3 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability  
4 Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note)  
5 on and after such effective date.

6 (c) EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by  
8 subsection (a) is designated as an emergency re-  
9 quirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory  
10 Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

11 (2) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate,  
12 the amendment made by subsection (a) is designated  
13 as an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
14 403(a) of S. Con. Res. 13 (111th Congress), the  
15 concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year  
16 2010.

Passed the Senate May 22, 2015.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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