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# H. R. 2994

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself and Mr. GROTHMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Restoring Maximum  
5 Mobility to Our Nation’s Veterans Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. WHEELCHAIRS FOR VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CON-**  
2 **NECTED DISABILITIES.**

3 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1701 of title 38, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(11) The term ‘wheelchair’ includes enhanced power  
7 wheelchairs, multi-environmental wheelchairs, track wheel-  
8 chairs, stair-climbing wheelchairs, and other power-driven  
9 mobility devices.”.

10 (b) ENHANCED WHEELCHAIRS.—Section 1712(e) of  
11 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “Dental” and inserting “(1)  
13 Dental”;

14 (2) by striking “section” and inserting “title”;  
15 and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
17 paragraph:

18 “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that each wheelchair,  
19 furnished under this title to a veteran because of a service-  
20 connected disability, restores the maximum achievable mo-  
21 bility and function in the activities of daily life, employ-  
22 ment, and recreation. The Secretary may furnish a wheel-  
23 chair to a veteran because the wheelchair restores an abil-  
24 ity that relates exclusively to participation in a rec-  
25 reational activity.”.