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S. 1828

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize nurse registries for purposes of the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2023

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Veterans Homecare
5 Choice Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF NURSE REGISTRIES FOR PUR-**
2 **POSES OF VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 1703 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
8 paragraph (6); and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(5) Any nurse registry, including any reg-
12 istered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurs-
13 ing assistant, home health aide, companion, or
14 homemaker furnishing services through a nurse reg-
15 istry.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (o), by adding at the end the
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(3) The term ‘nurse registry’ means a person
19 that—

20 “(A) procures, or attempts to procure, con-
21 tracts or other agreements on behalf of reg-
22 istered nurses, licensed practical nurses, cer-
23 tified nursing assistants, home health aides,
24 companions, or homemakers, under which such
25 individuals may provide health care-related or
26 assistive services (including such services pro-

1 vided directly to patients or in support of health
2 care facilities) and receive compensation for
3 such services; and

4 “(B) satisfies any applicable State licen-
5 sure requirement.”.

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