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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER introduced the following bill; which was 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. REQUIREMENT OF RESIDENT ADVOCATE IN A**
4 **DOMICILIARY FACILITY OF THE DEPART-**
5 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OR STATE**
6 **HOME.**

7 (a) DOMICILIARY FACILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Subchapter I of chapter 17 of

1 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 2 end the following new section (and conforming the table
 3 of sections at the beginning of such chapter accordingly):

4 **“§ 1720M. Resident advocates in domiciliary facilities**
 5 **of the Department**

6 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall employ in
 7 each domiciliary facility of the Department a resident ad-
 8 vocate.

9 “(b) DUTIES.—A resident advocate shall have duties
 10 that include the following:

11 “(1) To serve as a liaison between veterans in
 12 the domiciliary facility and the Secretary.

13 “(2) To receive complaints from such veterans,
 14 transmit such complaints to the director of such
 15 domiciliary facility, and respond to such complaints.

16 “(3) When the resident advocate determines it
 17 appropriate, to submit such a complaint to the Sec-
 18 retary, the Inspector General of the Department.”.

19 (b) STATE HOMES.—Section 1741 of title 38, United
 20 States Code, is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
 22 section (h); and

23 (2) by inserting, after subsection (f), the fol-
 24 lowing new subsection (g):

1 “(g) To be eligible for payment for domiciliary care
2 provided to a veteran in a State home under this section,
3 a State shall employ in such State home a resident advo-
4 cate. A resident advocate shall have duties that include
5 the following:

6 “(1) To serve as a liaison between veterans in
7 such State home and the State.

8 “(2) To receive complaints from such veterans,
9 transmit such complaints to the director of the State
10 home, and respond to such complaints.

11 “(3) When the resident advocate determines it
12 appropriate, to submit such a complaint to the Sec-
13 retary, the Inspector General of the Department, or
14 an appropriate State official.”.

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