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S. 605

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DURBIN) 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 “CHAMPVA Children’s
5 Care Protection Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE OF MAXIMUM AGE FOR CHILDREN ELIGI-**
2 **BLE FOR MEDICAL CARE UNDER CHAMPVA**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) INCREASE.—Subsection (c) of section 1781 of
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(c)(1) Notwithstanding clauses (i) and (iii) of sec-
8 tion 101(4)(A) of this title and except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), for purposes of this section, a child is eligible
10 for benefits under subsection (a) until the child’s 26th
11 birthday, regardless of the child’s marital status.

12 “(2) This subsection shall not be construed to limit
13 eligibility for benefits under subsection (a) of a child de-
14 scribed in section 101(4)(A)(ii) of this title.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (c) of such sec-
16 tion, as amended by subsection (a), shall apply with re-
17 spect to medical care provided under such section on or
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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