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To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. QUINN, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) 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. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES OF DE-**
4 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES FOR
6 PERSIAN GULF VETERANS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUB-
7 STANCES.—(1) Section 1710(e) of title 38, United States
8 Code, is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)(C), by inserting “becom-
2 ing manifest before January 1, 1997,” after “for
3 any disability”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking out “Decem-
5 ber 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “Decem-
6 ber 31, 1998”.

7 (2) Section 1712(a)(1)(D) of such title is amended—

8 (A) by striking out “December 31, 1995” and
9 inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1998”; and

10 (B) by inserting “becoming manifest before
11 January 1, 1997,” after “for any disability”.

12 (b) CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG
13 ABUSE CARE.—Subsection (e) of section 1720A of such
14 title is amended by striking out “December 31, 1995” and
15 inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1997”.

16 (c) NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES.—(1) Sec-
17 tion 1720C(a) of such title is amended by striking out
18 “September 30, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “De-
19 cember 31, 1997”.

20 (2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit
21 to Congress, not later than March 31, 1997, a report on
22 the medical efficacy and cost effectiveness, and disadvan-
23 tages and advantages, associated with the use by the Sec-
24 retary of noninstitutional alternatives to nursing home
25 care.

1 (d) HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM.—(1) Section
2 7618 of such title is amended by striking out “December
3 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31,
4 1997”.

5 (2)(A) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit
6 to Congress, not later than March 31, 1997, a report set-
7 ting forth the results of a study evaluating the operation
8 of the health professional scholarship program under sub-
9 chapter II of chapter 76 of title 38, United States Code.
10 The study shall evaluate the efficacy of the program with
11 respect to recruitment and retention of health care person-
12 nel for the Department of Veterans Affairs and shall com-
13 pare the costs and benefits of the program with the costs
14 and benefits of alternative methods of ensuring adequate
15 recruitment and retention of such personnel.

16 (B) The Secretary shall carry out the study under
17 this paragraph through a private contractor. The report
18 under subparagraph (A) shall include the report of the
19 contractor and the comments, if any, of the Secretary on
20 that report.

21 (e) ENHANCED-USE LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY.—
22 (1) Section 8169 of such title is amended by striking out
23 “December 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “De-
24 cember 31, 1997”.

1 (2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit
2 to Congress, not later than March 31, 1997, a report eval-
3 uating the operation of the program under subchapter V
4 of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code.

5 (f) COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR
6 HOMELESS CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL VETERANS.—
7 Section 115(d) of the Veterans' Benefits and Services Act
8 of 1988 (Public Law 100-322; 38 U.S.C. 1712 note) is
9 amended by striking out "September 30, 1995" and in-
10 serting in lieu thereof "December 31, 1997".

11 (g) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM OF COMPENSATED
12 WORK THERAPY AND THERAPEUTIC TRANSITIONAL
13 HOUSING.—Section 7 of Public Law 102-54 (38 U.S.C.
14 1718 note) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by striking out "During
16 fiscal years 1991 through 1995, the Secretary" and
17 inserting in lieu thereof "The Secretary"; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(m) SUNSET.—The authority for the demonstration
20 program under this section expires on December 31,
21 1997.”.

22 (h) HOMELESS VETERANS PILOT PROGRAM.—The
23 Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act
24 of 1992 (Public Law 102-590) is amended as follows:

1 (1) Section 2(a) (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) is
2 amended by striking out “September 30, 1995” and
3 inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1997”.

4 (2) Section 3(a) (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) is
5 amended by striking out “, during fiscal years 1993,
6 1994, and 1995,”.

7 (3) Section 12 (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) is amend-
8 ed by striking out “each of the fiscal years 1993,
9 1994, and 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “each
10 fiscal year through 1997”.

11 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN PRO-**
12 **GRAMS.**

13 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to
14 Congress, not later than March 1, 1997, a report on the
15 advantages and disadvantages of consolidating into one
16 program the following three programs:

17 (1) The alcohol and drug abuse contract care
18 program under section 1720A of title 38, United
19 States Code.

20 (2) The program to provide community-based
21 residential care to homeless chronically mentally ill
22 veterans under section 115 of the Veterans’ Benefits
23 and Services Act of 1988 (38 U.S.C. 1712 note).

24 (3) The demonstration program under section 7
25 of Public Law 102–54 (38 U.S.C. 1718 note).

1 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS TO VET-**
2 **ERANS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE**
3 **PHILIPPINES.**

4 (a) REPEAL.—Section 1732 of title 38, United States
5 Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking out subsection (b);

7 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
8 section (b) and striking out “or grant” both places
9 it appears in that subsection; and

10 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
11 section (c) and striking out “and to make grants”
12 in that subsection.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of
14 such section is amended by striking out “**and grants**”.

15 (2) The item relating to such section in the table of
16 sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is
17 amended by striking out “and grants”.

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