

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3772

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2002

Mr. GORDON 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPART-**  
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CARE**  
3 **FOR OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE VETERANS WHO**  
4 **ARE PRISONERS IN A COUNTY OR CITY JAIL.**

5 Section 1710(h) of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(h)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a veteran being  
11 held as a prisoner in a county or city jail may not be de-  
12 nied health care or medical services under this chapter by  
13 reason of the veteran’s status as such a prisoner if—

14 “(A) the veteran is otherwise eligible for such  
15 care or services;

16 “(B) such care or services would be provided if  
17 the veteran were not a prisoner; and

18 “(C) the veteran is transported to a Depart-  
19 ment health care facility for such care or services  
20 and such care or services are provided at that facil-  
21 ity.”.

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