

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

# H. R. 5653

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2012

Ms. BALDWIN 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Make Our Veterans  
5 Smile Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF DENTAL CARE BY SECRETARY OF**  
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO VETERANS AWARDED**  
3 **THE PURPLE HEART.**

4 (a) **PROVISION OF CARE.**—Section 1712(a)(1) of title  
5 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (G); by striking “or”;

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as sub-  
8 paragraph (I); and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-  
10 lowing new subparagraph (H):

11 “(H) from which a veteran who was awarded  
12 the Purple Heart is suffering; or”.

13 (b) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CARE BY ENTERING**  
14 **INTO CONTRACTS.**—Section 1703(a)(7) of such title is  
15 amended by striking “section 1712(a)(1)(F)” and insert-  
16 ing “section 1712(a)(1)”.

17 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
18 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to out-  
19 patient dental services and treatment, and related dental  
20 appliances, furnished on or after January 1, 2013.

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