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H. R. 5033

To expand the eligibility of veterans for hospital care and medical services provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical providers under the Veterans Choice Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Mr. BYRNE 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Full Choice for Vet-
5 erans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR NON-DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CARE**
3 **UNDER VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 101 of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K.
6 Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal
7 Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks
8 Act of 2018 or the VA MISSION Act of 2018 (Public
9 Law 115–182; 38 U.S.C. 1703) is amended—

10 (1) by striking subsection (d) and inserting:

11 “(d) **CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CARE IS RE-**
12 **QUIRED TO BE FURNISHED THROUGH NON-DEPART-**
13 **MENT PROVIDERS.**—The Secretary shall, subject to the
14 availability of appropriations, furnish hospital care, med-
15 ical services, or extended care services to a covered veteran
16 through health care providers specified in subsection (c)
17 if the covered veteran notifies the Secretary that he or
18 she desires to receive care through the Veterans Commu-
19 nity Care Program.”; and

20 (2) by striking subsection (e).

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