

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 294  
OFFERED BY MR. MILLER OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Long-Term Care Vet-  
3 erans Choice Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONTRACT AU-  
5 THORITY FOR PLACEMENT OF VETERANS IN  
6 NON-DEPARTMENT MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES.**

7 (a) AUTHORITY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1720 of title 38,  
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following new subsection:

11 “(h)(1) During the three-year period beginning on  
12 October 1, 2015, and subject to paragraph (2), at the re-  
13 quest of a veteran for whom the Secretary is required to  
14 provide nursing home care under section 1710A of this  
15 title, the Secretary may place the veteran in a medical fos-  
16 ter home that meets Department standards, at the ex-  
17 pense of the United States, pursuant to a contract or  
18 agreement entered into between the Secretary and the

1 medical foster home for such purpose. A veteran who is  
2 placed in a medical foster home under this subsection shall  
3 agree, as a condition of such placement, to accept home  
4 health services furnished by the Secretary under section  
5 1717 of this title.

6 “(2) Not more than 900 veterans placed in a medical  
7 foster home, whether placed before or after the enactment  
8 of the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act, may have  
9 their care covered at the expense of the United States  
10 under subsection (a).

11 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘medical foster  
12 home’ means a home designed to provide non-institutional,  
13 long-term, supportive care for veterans who are unable to  
14 live independently and prefer a family setting.”.

15 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (h) of title  
16 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),  
17 shall take effect on October 1, 2015.

18 (b) LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS AND BONUSES.—Sec-  
19 tion 705 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-  
20 ability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 703  
21 note) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 705. LIMITATION ON AWARDS AND BONUSES PAID TO**  
2 **EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 “The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that  
5 the aggregate amount of awards and bonuses paid by the  
6 Secretary in a fiscal year under chapter 45 or 53 of title  
7 5, United States Code, or any other awards or bonuses  
8 authorized under such title or title 38, United States  
9 Code, does not exceed the following amounts:

10 “(1) With respect to each of fiscal years 2015  
11 through 2018, \$300,000,000.

12 “(2) With respect to each of fiscal years 2019  
13 through 2024, \$360,000,000.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.”.

