

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, HR. 4276, with An Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4276

To extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2014

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. MCCARTHY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

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 “Veterans Traumatic
5 Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PILOT PRO-**
2 **GRAM ON ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES FOR**
3 **VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

4 (a) MODIFICATION OF REPORT REQUIREMENTS.—
5 Subsection (e) of section 1705 of the National Defense
6 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–
7 181; 38 U.S.C. 1710C note) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(e) REPORTS.—

9 “(1) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each calendar
11 quarter occurring during the period beginning
12 January 1, 2015, and ending September 30,
13 2017, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
14 mittees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
15 the House of Representatives a report on the
16 pilot program.

17 “(B) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted
18 under subparagraph (A) shall include each of
19 the following for the quarter preceding the
20 quarter during which the report is submitted
21 the following:

22 “(i) The number of individuals that
23 participated in the pilot program.

24 “(ii) The number of individuals that
25 successfully completed the pilot program.

1 “(iii) The degree to which pilot pro-
2 gram participants and family members of
3 pilot program participants were satisfied
4 with the pilot program.

5 “(iv) The interim findings and conclu-
6 sions of the Secretary with respect to the
7 success of the pilot program and rec-
8 ommendations for improvement.

9 “(2) FINAL REPORT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
11 days after the completion of the pilot program,
12 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
13 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the
14 House of Representatives a final report on the
15 pilot program.

16 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The final report re-
17 quired by subparagraph (A) shall include the
18 following:

19 “(i) A description of the pilot pro-
20 gram.

21 “(ii) The Secretary’s assessment of
22 the utility of the activities carried out
23 under the pilot program in enhancing the
24 rehabilitation, quality of life, and commu-

1 nity reintegration of veterans with trau-
2 matic brain injury.

3 “(iii) An evaluation of the pilot pro-
4 gram in light of independent living pro-
5 grams carried out by the Secretary under
6 title 38, United States Code, including—

7 “(I) whether the pilot program
8 duplicates services provided under
9 such independent living programs;

10 “(II) the ways in which the pilot
11 program provides different services
12 that the services provided under such
13 independent living program;

14 “(III) how the pilot program
15 could be better defined or shaped; and

16 “(IV) whether the pilot program
17 should be incorporated into such inde-
18 pendent living programs.

19 “(iv) Such recommendations as the
20 Secretary considers appropriate regarding
21 improving the pilot program.”.

22 (b) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY-BASED BRAIN IN-
23 JURY RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATIVE CARE SERVICES.—
24 Such section is further amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**AS-**
2 **SISTED LIVING**” and inserting “**COMMUNITY-**
3 **BASED BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL REHABILI-**
4 **TATIVE CARE**”;

5 (2) in subsection (e), in the subsection heading,
6 by striking “ASSISTED LIVING” and inserting “COM-
7 MUNITY-BASED BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL REHA-
8 BILITATIVE CARE”;

9 (3) by striking “assisted living” each place it
10 appears, and inserting “community-based brain in-
11 jury rehabilitative care”; and

12 (4) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “and per-
13 sonal care” and inserting “rehabilitation, and per-
14 sonal care”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.

18 (d) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No
19 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
20 carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act,
21 and this Act and such amendments shall be carried out
22 using amounts otherwise available for such purpose.