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115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5693

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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. 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.**—Section 1720 of title 38, United  
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(h)(1) During the three-year period beginning on  
11 October 1, 2019, and subject to paragraph (2), at the re-  
12 quest of a veteran for whom the Secretary is required to  
13 provide nursing home care under section 1710A of this  
14 title, the Secretary may place the veteran in a medical fos-  
15 ter home that meets Department standards, at the ex-  
16 pense of the United States, pursuant to a contract, agree-  
17 ment, or other arrangement entered into between the Sec-  
18 retary and the medical foster home for such purpose. A  
19 veteran who is placed in a medical foster home under this  
20 subsection shall agree, as a condition of such placement,  
21 to accept home health services furnished by the Secretary  
22 under section 1717 of this title.

23 “(2) In any year, not more than a daily average of  
24 900 veterans placed in a medical foster home, whether  
25 placed before or after the date of the enactment of this

1 subsection, may have their care covered at the expense of  
2 the United States under subsection (a).

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

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (h) of title 38,  
8 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take  
9 effect on October 1, 2019.