

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3644
OFFERED BY Ms. Miller-Meeks

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Addressing Care
3 Timelines for Veterans Act” or the “ACT for Veterans
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION PERIOD FOR**
6 **EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN NON-DEPART-**
7 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FA-**
8 **CILITIES.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION PERIOD EXTENDED.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(3) of section
11 1703 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

12 (A) by striking “A covered veteran” and
13 inserting “(A) Except as provided by subpara-
14 graph (B), a covered veteran”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new
16 subparagraph:

17 “(B) In the case of emergency treatment furnished
18 to a covered veteran by a health care provider specified

1 in subsection (c) in the course of care or services author-
2 ized under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may retro-
3 actively deem such emergency treatment to be authorized
4 under such subparagraph if such covered veteran (or an
5 individual acting on behalf of the covered veteran) or such
6 health care provider submits to the Secretary a notifica-
7 tion in such form and containing such information and
8 assurances as the Secretary determines appropriate, ex-
9 cept the Secretary may not require such notification to
10 be submitted earlier than 96 hours after the date on which
11 such health care provider begins to furnish such emer-
12 gency treatment to such covered veteran.”.

13 (2) EMERGENCY TREATMENT DEFINED.—Sub-
14 section (o) of such section is amended—

15 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
16 paragraph (3); and

17 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1), the
18 following new paragraph:

19 “(2) The term ‘emergency treatment’ has the
20 meaning given such term in section 1725 of this
21 title.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is one
24 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

