

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1705

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain forms of physical therapy under the TRICARE program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2013

Mr. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. COTTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rehabilitative Therapy  
5 Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN FORMS OF PHYSICAL**  
7 **THERAPY UNDER TRICARE.**

8 Section 1077 of title 10, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a)(17), by inserting “In ac-  
2           cordance with subsection (g),” before “Any”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4           section:

5           “(g) Rehabilitative therapy provided pursuant to sub-  
6           section (a)(17) may include additional therapeutic exer-  
7           cises or therapeutic activities if such exercises or activities  
8           are included in the authorized individual plan of care of  
9           the individual receiving such therapy. Such exercises or  
10          activities may include, in addition to other therapeutic ex-  
11          ercises or therapeutic activities, therapies provided on a  
12          horse, balance board, ball, bolster, and bench.”.

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