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H. R. 1855

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of rehabilitative services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2011

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota (for himself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans’ Traumatic
5 Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of
6 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS WITH**
2 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

3 (a) REHABILITATION PLANS AND SERVICES.—Sec-
4 tion 1710C of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting before the
6 semicolon the following: “with the goal of maxi-
7 mizing the individual’s independence and quality of
8 life”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)—

11 (i) by inserting after “improving” the
12 following: “(and sustaining improvement
13 in)”;

14 (ii) by inserting “behavioral,” after
15 “cognitive”;

16 (iii) by inserting “and mental health”
17 after “functioning”; and

18 (iv) by inserting “, quality of life,”
19 after “independence”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “reha-
21 bilitative services and” before “rehabilitative
22 components”; and

23 (C) in paragraph (3)—

24 (i) by striking “treatments” the first
25 place it appears and inserting “services”;
26 and

1 (ii) by striking “treatments and” the
2 second place it appears; and

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

5 “(h) For purposes of this section, and sections 1710D
6 and 1710E of this title, the term ‘rehabilitative services’
7 includes—

8 “(1) rehabilitative services, as defined in section
9 1701(8) of this title;

10 “(2) services (which may be of ongoing dura-
11 tion) to sustain, and prevent loss of, functional gains
12 that have been achieved; and

13 “(3) any other services or supports that may
14 contribute to maximizing an individual’s independ-
15 ence and quality of life.”

16 (b) PROGRAM.—Section 1710D(a) of title 38, United
17 States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by inserting “and rehabilitative services”
19 after “long-term care”; and

20 (2) by striking “treatment”.

21 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 1710E(a)
22 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting
23 “, including rehabilitative services,” after “medical serv-
24 ices”.

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