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# H. R. 5304

To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend health care coverage under the Transitional Assistance Management Program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2016

Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, and Ms. GABBARD) 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 “Health Expansion Loss  
5 Prevention Veterans Act” or the “HELP Veterans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF COVERAGE UNDER TRANSITIONAL**  
7 **ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1145 of  
9 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by striking “180 days” each place it ap-  
2           pears and inserting “one year”; and

3           (2) by striking “180-day” each place it appears  
4           and inserting “one-year”.

5           (b) EFFECT OF EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH  
6 PLAN COVERAGE.—Paragraph (7) of such subsection is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-  
8 graph:

9           “(C) During any period during the final 180 days of  
10 the one-year transition period specified in paragraph (4)  
11 that the member is employed and eligible for an employer-  
12 sponsored health plan by reason of such employment, the  
13 member may not be eligible for transitional health care  
14 under this subsection.”.

15          (c) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this  
16 section shall apply with respect to a member of the Armed  
17 Forces who is separated from the Armed Forces before,  
18 on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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