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S. 3014

To extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2014

Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 Care Improvement Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PILOT PRO-**
7 **GRAM ON ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES FOR**
8 **VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

9 (a) MODIFICATION OF REPORT REQUIREMENTS.—
10 Subsection (e) of section 1705 of the National Defense

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–
2 181; 38 U.S.C. 1710C note) is amended to read as follows:

3 “(e) REPORTS.—

4 “(1) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each calendar
6 quarter occurring during the period beginning
7 January 1, 2015, and ending September 30,
8 2017, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
9 mittee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
10 the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the
11 House of Representatives a report on the pilot
12 program.

13 “(B) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted
14 under subparagraph (A) shall include each of
15 the following for the quarter preceding the
16 quarter during which the report is submitted:

17 “(i) The number of individuals that
18 participated in the pilot program.

19 “(ii) The number of individuals that
20 successfully completed the pilot program.

21 “(iii) The degree to which pilot pro-
22 gram participants and family members of
23 pilot program participants were satisfied
24 with the pilot program.

1 “(iv) The interim findings and conclu-
2 sions of the Secretary with respect to the
3 success of the pilot program and rec-
4 ommendations for improvement.

5 “(2) FINAL REPORT.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
7 days after the completion of the pilot program,
8 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
9 Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
10 mittee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of
11 Representatives a final report on the pilot pro-
12 gram.

13 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The final report re-
14 quired by subparagraph (A) shall include the
15 following:

16 “(i) A description of the pilot pro-
17 gram.

18 “(ii) The Secretary’s assessment of
19 the utility of the activities carried out
20 under the pilot program in enhancing the
21 rehabilitation, quality of life, and commu-
22 nity reintegration of veterans with trau-
23 matic brain injury.

24 “(iii) An evaluation of the pilot pro-
25 gram in light of independent living pro-

grams carried out by the Secretary under title 38, United States Code, including—

“(I) whether the pilot program duplicates services provided under such independent living programs;

“(II) the ways in which the pilot program provides different services than the services provided under such independent living program;

“(III) how the pilot program could be better defined or shaped; and

“(IV) whether the pilot program should be incorporated into such independent living programs.

“(iv) Such recommendations as the Secretary considers appropriate regarding improving the pilot program.”.

(b) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY-BASED BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATIVE CARE SERVICES.—
Such section is further amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**ASSISTED LIVING**” and inserting “**COMMUNITY-BASED BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATIVE CARE**”;

1 (2) in subsection (e), in the subsection heading,
2 by striking “ASSISTED LIVING” and inserting “COM-
3 MUNITY-BASED BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL REHA-
4 BILITATIVE CARE”;

5 (3) by striking “assisted living” each place it
6 appears, and inserting “community-based brain in-
7 jury rehabilitative care”; and

8 (4) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “and per-
9 sonal care” and inserting “rehabilitation, and per-
10 sonal care”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
13 of this Act.

14 (d) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No
15 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
16 carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act,
17 and this Act and such amendments shall be carried out
18 using amounts otherwise available for such purpose.

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