

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO OF CONNECTICUT**

Page 54, add after line 2 the following:

1 **SEC. 11. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
2 **OF NURSING HOME CARE AND HOSPITAL**
3 **CARE AT STATE LICENSED OR CERTIFIED**
4 **RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 17 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 1720H. State licensed or certified residential care**
9 **facilities**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—At the request of an eligible vet-
11 eran for whom the Secretary is required to provide domi-
12 ciliary, nursing home, adult day health, or hospital care
13 under this chapter, or whom the Secretary determines is
14 in need of such care, the Secretary may place the veteran
15 in a State licensed or certified residential care facility that
16 meets Department standards, at the expense of the United
17 States, pursuant to a contract or agreement entered into
18 between the Secretary and the facility for such purpose,
19 if the cost of providing such care to such veteran through
20 such facility is less than the cost of providing such care

1 to the veteran through any other available option. A vet-
2 eran who is placed in a such a facility under this section
3 shall agree, as a condition of such placement, to accept
4 home health services furnished by the Secretary under sec-
5 tion 1717 of this title.

6 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—For purposes of this section, an
7 eligible veteran is a veteran with a service-connected dis-
8 ability rated at 70 percent or more disabling.

9 “(c) DEFINITION OF STATE LICENSED OR CER-
10 TIFIED RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY.—In this section,
11 the term ‘State licensed or certified residential care facil-
12 ity’ means any assisted living facility, basic care facility,
13 community residence, enriched housing program, home for
14 the aged, personal care home, shared housing establish-
15 ment, or other similar licensed or certified facility.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
17 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
18 at the end of the items relating to such subchapter the
19 following new item:

“1720H. State licensed or certified residential care facilities.”.

20 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Section 1720H of title 38,
21 United States Code, shall take effect on the date of the
22 enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any
23 veteran who is eligible under subsection (b) of that section,
24 including such a veteran who, as of the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act, resides in a State licensed or certified

- 1 residential care facility, as such term is defined in sub-
- 2 section (c) of such section.

