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

Page 54, add after line 2 the following:

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

(a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 17 of
title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
end the following new section:

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

“(a) In General.—At the request of an eligible vet-
eran for whom the Secretary is required to provide domi-
ciliary, nursing home, adult day health, or hospital care
under this chapter, or whom the Secretary determines is
in need of such care, the Secretary may place the veteran
in a State licensed or certified residential care facility that
meets Department standards, at the expense of the United
States, pursuant to a contract or agreement entered into
between the Secretary and the facility for such purpose,
if the cost of providing such care to such veteran through
such facility is less than the cost of providing such care
to the veteran through any other available option. A veteran who is placed in a such a facility under this section shall agree, as a condition of such placement, to accept home health services furnished by the Secretary under section 1717 of this title.

“(b) Eligibility.—For purposes of this section, an eligible veteran is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 70 percent or more disabling.

“(c) Definition of State Licensed or Certified Residential Care Facility.—In this section, the term ‘State licensed or certified residential care facility’ means any assisted living facility, basic care facility, community residence, enriched housing program, home for the aged, personal care home, shared housing establishment, or other similar licensed or certified facility.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end of the items relating to such subchapter the following new item:

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

(e) Applicability.—Section 1720H of title 38, United States Code, shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any veteran who is eligible under subsection (b) of that section, including such a veteran who, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, resides in a State licensed or certified
residential care facility, as such term is defined in subsection (e) of such section.