

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. O’ROURKE OF TEXAS

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11. EXPANSION OF VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM.**

2 (a) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b)(2) of section
4 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
5 ability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C.
6 1701 note) is amended—

7 (A) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
8 “or”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (D)(ii)(II)(dd), by
10 striking the period at the end and inserting “;
11 or”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraph:

14 “(E) is unable to schedule an appointment
15 with the veteran’s primary care physician at the
16 same medical facility of the Department at
17 which the veteran had the most recent appoint-
18 ment with the physician because the physician
19 is no longer employed at such facility.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection
2 (g)(3) of such section is amended by striking “or
3 (D)” and inserting “, (D), or (E)”.

4 (b) MINIMUM PERIOD OF CARE OR SERVICES.—Sub-
5 section (c)(1)(B)(i) of such section is amended by insert-
6 ing “, but not shorter than one year” after “Secretary”.

