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

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 11. EXPANSION OF VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM.

(a) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM.—

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

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

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

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

“(E) is unable to schedule an appointment with the veteran’s primary care physician at the same medical facility of the Department at which the veteran had the most recent appointment with the physician because the physician is no longer employed at such facility.”.
(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (g)(3) of such section is amended by striking “or (D)” and inserting “, (D), or (E)”.

(b) MINIMUM PERIOD OF CARE OR SERVICES.—Subsection (c)(1)(B)(i) of such section is amended by inserting “, but not shorter than one year” after “Secretary”.

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