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

Add at the end the following new section:

SEC. 11. IMPROVEMENT TO TRANSITION OF CARE OF VETERANS.

Section 715 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 1074g note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f) as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection (c):

“(c) OTHER PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS.—

“(1) CRITICAL FOR TRANSITION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish to an individual who is transitioning from receiving treatment furnished by the Secretary of Defense to treatment furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, any pharmaceutical agent not included in the joint uniform formulary if a health care provider of the Department of Defense determines that such pharmaceutical agent is critical for such transition.
“(2) DURATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish to an individual a pharmaceutical agent under paragraph (1) during the period—

“(A) beginning on the date on which the individual is enrolled in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs established under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code; and

“(B) ending on the date on which a health care provider of the Department determines that the individual does not require such pharmaceutical agent.”.