

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. RICE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11. HEALTH CARE FOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1710 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

6 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “In”;

7 (B) by inserting “or in the case of an offi-
8 cial of the Department listed in subparagraph
9 (B),” before “the Secretary”; and

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

12 “(B) As a condition of office and employment,
13 and for the duration of such term of office or em-
14 ployment, each of the following officials of the De-
15 partment may not receive any hospital care or med-
16 ical services (other than emergency medical services)
17 except under this section:

18 (i) The Secretary.

19 (ii) The Deputy Secretary.

20 (iii) The Under Secretary for Health.

1 “(iv) The Under Secretary for Benefits.

2 “(v) The Under Secretary for Memorial
3 Affairs.

4 “(vi) Each Assistant Secretary, includ-
5 ing—

6 “(I) the Assistant Secretary for Man-
7 agement;

8 “(II) the Assistant Secretary for
9 Human Resources and Administration;

10 “(III) the Assistant Secretary for
11 Public and Intergovernmental Affairs; and

12 “(IV) the Assistant Secretary for Op-
13 erations, Security, and Preparedness.

14 “(vii) Each Deputy Assistant Secretary.

15 “(viii) The Chief Financial Officer.

16 “(ix) The Chief Information Officer.

17 “(x) The General Counsel.

18 “(xi) The Inspector General.

19 “(xii) The Director of Construction and
20 Facilities Management.

21 “(xiii) The Chief of Staff.

22 “(xiv) The Chairman of the Board of Vet-
23 erans’ Appeals.

24 “(xv) The Vice Chairman of the Board of
25 Veterans’ Appeals.”;

1 (2) in subsection (f), by inserting “or official of
2 the Department” after “veteran” each place it ap-
3 pears; and

4 (3) in subsection (g), by inserting “or official of
5 the Department” after “veteran” each place it ap-
6 pears.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) TITLE 38.—Section 1705(a) of title 38,
9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (A) by inserting “and officials of the De-
11 partment” after “veterans”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (8) by inserting “and of-
13 ficials of the Department” after “veterans”.

14 (2) TITLE 5.—Section 8901(1) of title 5,
15 United States Code, is amended in the matter fol-
16 lowing subparagraph (J)—

17 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause
18 (iii);

19 (B) by adding “or” after the semicolon at
20 the end of clause (iv); and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following new
22 clause:

1 “(v) an official of the Department of Vet-
2 erans Affairs listed in section 1710(a)(3)(B) of
3 title 38;”.

