

AMENDMENT TO THE
SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5371
OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROTECTION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES AND
SERVICES

(a) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to plan for, propose, develop, initiate, carry out, or otherwise support any action that would result in the closure, realignment, downsizing, privatization, or reduction of services, staffing, or benefits at any facility operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes, but is not limited to, the Coatesville VA Medical Center in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, the Southeastern Veterans Center in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and the Berks County VA Clinic in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term “reduction in services” includes the elimination or transfer of inpatient or outpatient services, the discontinuation of specialized care programs, or any action that would limit veterans' access to care, benefits, or support services at current VA facilities.

(c) This prohibition shall remain in effect unless authorized by a subsequent Act of Congress.