AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. CARTWRIGHT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 11. UNLIMITED ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE FOR MENTAL ILLNESSES FOR VETERANS OF COMBAT SERVICE DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF HOSTILITIES AND WAR.

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 1710(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(G) Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), a veteran who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations (as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Defense) during World War II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam Era, the Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or any other period of war after the Persian Gulf War, or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities (as defined in section 1712A(a)(2)(B) of this title), is eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care under subsection (a)(2)(F) for any mental illness, notwithstanding that there is insufficient
medical evidence to conclude that such illness is attributable to such service.’’.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subparagraph (G) of section 1710(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care provided on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.