

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. CARTWRIGHT OF
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Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11. UNLIMITED ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE FOR**
2 **MENTAL ILLNESSES FOR VETERANS OF COM-**
3 **BAT SERVICE DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF**
4 **HOSTILITIES AND WAR.**

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

8 “(G) Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), a vet-
9 eran who served on active duty in a theater of combat
10 operations (as determined by the Secretary in consultation
11 with the Secretary of Defense) during World War II, the
12 Korean conflict, the Vietnam Era, the Persian Gulf War,
13 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom,
14 or any other period of war after the Persian Gulf War,
15 or in combat against a hostile force during a period of
16 hostilities (as defined in section 1712A(a)(2)(B) of this
17 title), is eligible for hospital care, medical services, and
18 nursing home care under subsection (a)(2)(F) for any
19 mental illness, notwithstanding that there is insufficient

1 medical evidence to conclude that such illness is attrib-
2 utable to such service.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subparagraph (G) of section
4 1710(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, as added by
5 subsection (a), shall apply with respect to hospital care,
6 medical services, and nursing home care provided on or
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

