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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1384

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 1995

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PERSON-**  
4 **NEL ADMINISTRATION.**

5 Section 7423 of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by striking out paragraph  
8 (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5),

1 and (6) as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), re-  
2 spectively;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), (e),  
4 and (f) as subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g), respec-  
5 tively; and

6 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-  
7 ing new subsection (c):

8 “(c)(1) An employee of the Veterans Health Adminis-  
9 tration who is covered by subsection (a) (other than a reg-  
10 istered nurse, a physician’s assistant, or an expanded-duty  
11 dental auxiliary) may not assume responsibility for the  
12 medical care of any patient other than a patient admitted  
13 for treatment at a Department facility.

14 “(2) The limitation in paragraph (1) shall not apply  
15 in a case in which the employee, upon request and with  
16 the approval of the Under Secretary for Health, assumes  
17 such responsibilities to assist communities or medical  
18 practice groups to meet medical needs which would not  
19 otherwise be available. The approval of the Under Sec-  
20 retary may not be for a period in excess of 180 days, which  
21 may be extended by the Under Secretary for additional  
22 periods of not to exceed 180 days.”.

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