

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1762

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the scope of the respite care program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. SAXTON) 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 RESPITE**  
4       **CARE PROGRAM.**

5       Section 1720B of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7               (1) in subsection (a), by striking “eligible” and  
8       inserting “enrolled”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by striking “the term ‘respite care’  
3 means hospital or nursing home care” and in-  
4 serting “the term ‘respite care services’ means  
5 care and services”;

6 (B) by striking “is” at the beginning of  
7 each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and insert-  
8 ing “are”; and

9 (C) by striking “in a Department facility”  
10 in paragraph (2); and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13 “(c) In furnishing respite care services, the Secretary  
14 may enter into contract arrangements.”.

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