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117TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ————————————————

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4   This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Homecare

5 Choice Act of 2022".

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF NURSE REGISTRIES FOR PUR-**

2 **POSES OF VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE PRO-**

3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 1703 of title 38, United States Code, is

5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as

8 paragraph (6); and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the

10 following new paragraph:

11 "(5) Any nurse registry, including any reg-

12 istered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurs-

13 ing assistant, home health aide, companion, or

14 homemaker furnishing services through a nurse reg-

15 istry."; and

16 (2) in subsection (o), by adding at the end the

17 following new paragraph:

18 "(3) The term 'nurse registry' means a person

19 that—

20 "(A) procures, or attempts to procure, con-

21 tracts or other agreements on behalf of reg-

22 istered nurses, licensed practical nurses, cer-

23 tified nursing assistants, home health aides,

24 companions, or homemakers, under which such

25 individuals may provide health care-related or

26 assistive services (including such services pro-

1 vided directly to patients or in support of health

2 care facilities) and receive compensation for

3 such services; and

4 ''(B) satisfies any applicable State licen-

5 sure requirement.''.