



H.R. 294—Long-Term Care Veteran Choice Act, as amended (Miller, R-FL)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE: MARCH 2, 2015 UNDER A SUSPENSION OF THE RULES WHICH REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY FOR PASSAGE.

TOPLINE SUMMARY: This [bill](#) would allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with non-department medical foster homes for qualifying veterans who are unable to live independently.

COST: A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) score is not available at this time.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS: There are no substantive conservative concerns.

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.**
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority? No.**
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch? No.**
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? No.**

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: This bill would give the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the authority to place qualifying veterans in medical foster homes. A medical foster home is designed to provide non-institutionalized, long-term care for veterans who are unable to live alone. Under current law, the Department of Veterans Affairs does not have the authority to pay for a veteran to receive care in a medical foster home, even if the veteran is eligible for paid nursing home-care. . This bill would limit the number of veterans put in medical foster homes to no more than 900.

This bill would also limit the awards and bonuses awarded to the Department of Veterans Affairs employee. Awards would be limited to \$300,000,000 for fiscal years 2015-2018 and \$360,000,000 for fiscal years 2019-2024.

COMMITTEE ACTION: This bill was introduced on January 13, 2015, by Representative Miller. A [legislative hearing](#) was held on January 27, 2015, and a [mark-up](#) was held on February 12, 2015. The bill was ordered to be reported out of the committee, as amended, by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: No statement of administration policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY: According to the [sponsor](#), "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution."

H.R. 280—To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, as amended (Miller-FL)

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TOPLINE SUMMARY: This [bill](#) would authorize the Secretary to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS: There are no substantive conservative concerns.

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.**
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority? No.**
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch? No.**
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? No.**

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: This bill would allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to rescind a bonus or performance award from an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs. An affected employee would be offered the opportunity for a hearing conducted by another department or agency of the federal government. This would apply to bonuses awarded on or after the enactment of this act.

COMMITTEE ACTION: This bill was introduced on January 12, 2015, by Representative Miller. A [legislative hearing](#) was held on January 27, 2015, and a [mark-up](#) was held on February 12, 2015. The bill was ordered to be reported out of the committee, as amended, by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: No statement of administration policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY: According to the [sponsor](#), “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.”

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COST: [The Congressional Budget Office](#) (CBO) estimates implementing H.R. 280 would decrease personnel costs by less than \$500,000 over the 2016-2020 period, assuming appropriation actions consistent with the bill.

Enacting H.R. 280 would not affect revenues.