

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Caring for America’s  
5 Heroes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH**  
7 **SERVICES UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **ELIMINATION OF LIMIT ON DAYS OF INPATIENT**  
9 **SERVICES.**—Section 1079 of title 10, United States Code,  
10 is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (6);

2           and

3           (2) by striking subsection (i).

4           (b) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR NONAVAIL-  
5 ABILITY STATEMENT OR PREAUTHORIZATION.—Section  
6 721(a) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Author-  
7 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (10 U.S.C. 1073 note)  
8 is amended by striking “(other than mental health serv-  
9 ices)”.