

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Making formal application to the United States Congress to lawfully enable the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide per diem reimbursement to eligible veterans in need of assisted living services.

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is charged with ensuring the health and well-being of the nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, the goals of improving veterans' health outcomes at lower cost by operating effectively and efficiently greatly depends on the continuum of care; and

WHEREAS, VA patients are given a Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) to help ensure that patients are not inappropriately placed in nursing homes for long-term care; and

WHEREAS, assisted living programs are an appropriate and cost-saving option for VA patients but currently the VA does not provide a per diem reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, Congress can improve the VA system, broadening access to timely health care while offering greater choice and flexibility to every eligible veteran; and

WHEREAS, America's veterans have made enormous sacrifices to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded. In return for their sacrifices, the United States government has committed itself to providing health care and other benefits for our veterans:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature make formal application to the United States Congress to lawfully enable the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide per diem reimbursement to eligible veterans in need of assisted living services.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 20, 2018
February 22, 2018

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Speaker of the House

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