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H. R. 4138

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deem certain State Veterans homes meeting certain health and safety standards as meeting conditions and requirements for skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2019

Mr. SUOZZI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “State Veterans Home
5 Inspection Simplification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEEMING CERTAIN STATE VETERANS HOMES AS**
2 **MEETING MEDICARE SKILLED NURSING FA-**
3 **CILITIES CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.**

4 Section 1865(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395bb(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, subject to
7 paragraph (5),” after “If the Secretary”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(5) In the case of a provider entity described in
11 paragraph (3)(B) that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
12 inspects as a State home under section 1742 of title 38,
13 United States Code, and determines meets such standards
14 as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall prescribe pursu-
15 ant to such section, the Secretary of Health and Human
16 Services shall—

17 “(A) treat such provider entity as meeting all
18 conditions and requirements under sections 1819
19 and 1861(j) for the period for which such deter-
20 mination is in effect; and

21 “(B) for purposes of subsection (g)(5)(E) of
22 section 1819 and other related purposes for posting
23 information on the Nursing Home Compare website
24 under subsection (i) of such section, in lieu of the
25 information described in the first sentence of such
26 subsection (g)(5)(E), use the information described

1 in the inspections of the Secretary of Veterans Af-
2 fairs conducted under such section 1742 with re-
3 spect to such provider entity for such period.”.

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