

HI 113 CONGRESS SIMULATION 2010

Committee: Energy and Commerce

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Bill No: 113.8

Section: 06

Title of Bill: Mental Health Care for Veterans Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS

1 PREAMBLE- Whereas there is not access to quality mental health care for PTSD and
2 depression in all parts of the country, and there is more than 1.7 million troops and veterans
3 of the Iraqi/Afghanistan conflict, and the government claims no legal obligation to provide
4 mental health treatment for veterans, and many returning veterans will not have access to
5 direct income or health insurance, and the GI Bill does not offer mental health treatment.

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7 SECTION I: Each state shall establish one mental health care facility which specializes in
8 the treatment of PTSD and depression. These facilities will provide help only to veterans.

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10 SECTION II: The federal government shall provide financial aid for all veterans seeking
11 treatment for mental health issues. This will allow veterans the freedom to seek mental
12 health treatment without worrying about the financial burden.

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14 SECTION III: The GI Bill shall add the benefit of free mental health care for one year after
15 service. This will include the post-discharge examination, as well as any recommended
16 treatment or treatment requested by the veteran.

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18 SECTION IV: The federal government shall provide a 5% tuition break to those students
19 studying to specialize in the treatment of PTSD. This will encourage aspiring psychologists
20 to specialize in treatment of PTSD, making sure that there are enough psychologists to
21 provide help to the large number of living veterans.

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23 ENACTMENT CLAUS: This bill will come into effect 90 days after passage.

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