

# Quality Care for Veterans Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Veterans' Choice Act will be abolished, and all eligible veterans will  
3 be enrolled in TRICARE. Additionally, 100,000 new medical, dental, and  
4 mental health practitioners will be hired to work in existing Department  
5 of Veterans' Affairs hospitals and clinics.

6 **SECTION 2.** The following terms will be defined as:

7 **A.** The "Veterans' Choice Act" is a temporary benefit that allows  
8 eligible veterans to receive health care in their communities  
9 rather than waiting for a VA appointment or travelling to a VA  
10 facility.

11 **B.** "TRICARE" is the healthcare program that covers health plans,  
12 special programs, prescriptions, and dental plans for  
13 servicemembers and their families around the world.

14 **C.** "Special programs" under TRICARE are supplemental programs  
15 tailored specifically to beneficiary health concerns or conditions.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Veterans' Affairs, in conjunction with the Department  
17 of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense, will  
18 oversee the implementation of this legislation. A budget of \$12 billion,  
19 taken from the existing Department of Defense budget, will be  
20 transferred to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to fund the new  
21 practitioners.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.

23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.