AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1855
OFFERED BY MR. MICHAUD OF MAINE

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of 2011”.

SEC. 2. REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.
(a) REHABILITATION PLANS AND SERVICES.—Section 1710C of title 38, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting before the semicolon the following: “with the goal of maximizing the individual’s independence”;
(2) in subsection (b)—
(A) in paragraph (1)—
(i) by inserting “(and sustaining improvement in)” after “improving”;
(ii) by inserting “behavioral,” after “cognitive”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “rehabilitative services and” before “rehabilitative components”; and

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “treatments” the first place it appears and inserting “services”; and

(ii) by striking “treatments and” the second place it appears; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-section:

“(h) Rehabilitative Services Defined.—For purposes of this section, and sections 1710D and 1710E of this title, the term ‘rehabilitative services’ includes—

“(1) rehabilitative services, as defined in section 1701 of this title;

“(2) treatment and services (which may be of ongoing duration) to sustain, and prevent loss of, functional gains that have been achieved; and

“(3) any other rehabilitative services or supports that may contribute to maximizing an individual’s independence.”

(b) Rehabilitation Services in Comprehensive Program for Long-Term Rehabilitation.—Section 1710D(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—
1 (1) by inserting “and rehabilitative services (as defined in section 1710C of this title)” after “long-term care”; and

(2) by striking “treatment”.

(c) REHABILITATION SERVICES IN AUTHORITY FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR USE OF NON-DEPARTMENT FACILITIES FOR REHABILITATION.—Section 1710E(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, including rehabilitative services (as defined in section 1710C of this title),” after “medical services”.

(d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 1710(C)(2)(S) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “ophthalmologist” and inserting “ophthalmologist”.

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