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# H. R. 2530

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD (for himself and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN ESTABLISHING**  
4 **PAYMENT RATES FOR NURSING HOME CARE**  
5 **PROVIDED BY STATE HOMES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1745(a) of title 38,  
7 United States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “The Sec-  
2       retary shall pay each State home for nursing home  
3       care at the rate determined under paragraph (2)”  
4       and inserting “The Secretary shall enter into a con-  
5       tract (or agreement under section 1720(c)(1) of this  
6       title) with each State home for payment by the Sec-  
7       retary for nursing home care provided in the home”;  
8       and

9           (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the  
10       following new paragraph (2):

11       “(2) Payment under each contract (or agreement) be-  
12       tween the Secretary and a State home under paragraph  
13       (1) shall be based on a methodology, developed by the Sec-  
14       retary in consultation with the State home, to adequately  
15       reimburse the State home for the care provided by the  
16       State home under the contract (or agreement).”.

17       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
18       subsection (a) shall apply to care provided on or after Jan-  
19       uary 1, 2012.

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