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To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the uniformed services are entitled to refractive eye surgery.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself and Mr. ROONEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. PROVISION OF REFRACTIVE EYE SURGERY.**

4 (a) REFRACTIVE EYE SURGERY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10,
6 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
7 section 1074l the following new section:

8 **“§ 1074m. Provision of refractive eye surgery**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Under regulations prescribed by
10 the Secretary, members of the uniformed services entitled

1 to medical care under section 1074 of this title shall also
2 be entitled to refractive eye surgery, as medically appro-
3 priate.

4 “(b) PRIVATE FACILITY.—(1) In accordance with
5 section 1074(c) of this title, the Secretary shall ensure
6 that a member of a uniformed service entitled to refractive
7 eye surgery under subsection (a) who is not located near
8 a military medical treatment facility that provides reason-
9 able access to such surgery, as determined by the Sec-
10 retary, may receive such surgery at a private facility lo-
11 cated near the member.

12 “(2) In determining under paragraph (1) whether a
13 military medical treatment facility provides reasonable ac-
14 cess to refractive eye surgery, the Secretary shall take into
15 account—

16 “(A) whether the facility provides such surgery;
17 and

18 “(B) if the facility provides such surgery, the
19 waiting period required to receive such surgery.

20 “(c) REFRACTIVE EYE SURGERY DEFINED.—In this
21 section, the term ‘refractive eye surgery’ means an appro-
22 priate corrective eye surgery, including laser-assisted in
23 situ keratomileusis (commonly referred to as ‘LASIK’)
24 and photorefractive keratectomy (commonly referred to as
25 ‘PRK’).”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
2 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
3 by inserting after the item relating to section 1074l
4 the following new item:

“1074m. Provision of refractive eye surgery.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 this section shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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