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# S. 957

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of rehabilitative services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2011

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Traumatic  
5 Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of  
6 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS WITH**  
2 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

3 (a) REHABILITATION SERVICES IN PLANS FOR RE-  
4 HABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION.—Section 1710C of  
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting before the  
7 semicolon the following: “with the goal of maxi-  
8 mizing the individual’s independence and quality of  
9 life”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) by inserting after “improving” the  
13 following: “(and sustaining improvement  
14 in)”;

15 (ii) by inserting “behavioral,” after  
16 “cognitive”;

17 (iii) by inserting “and mental health”  
18 after “functioning”; and

19 (iv) by inserting “, quality of life,”  
20 after “independence”;

21 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “reha-  
22 bilitative services and” before “rehabilitative  
23 components”; and

24 (C) in paragraph (3)—

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

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

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

8 “(h) REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DEFINED.—For  
9 purposes of this section, and sections 1710D and 1710E  
10 of this title, the term ‘rehabilitative services’ includes—

11 “(1) rehabilitative services, as such term is de-  
12 fined in section 1701 of this title;

13 “(2) services (which may be of ongoing dura-  
14 tion) to sustain, and prevent loss of, functional gains  
15 that have been achieved; and

16 “(3) any other services or supports that may  
17 contribute to maximizing an individual’s independ-  
18 ence and quality of life.”.

19 (b) REHABILITATION SERVICES IN COMPREHENSIVE  
20 PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM REHABILITATION.—Section  
21 1710D(a) of such title is amended—

22 (1) by inserting “and rehabilitative services (as  
23 defined in section 1710C of this title)” after “long-  
24 term care”; and

25 (2) by striking “treatment”.

1           (c) REHABILITATION SERVICES IN AUTHORITY FOR  
2 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR USE OF NON-DEPART-  
3 MENT FACILITIES FOR REHABILITATION.—Section  
4 1710E(a) of such title is amended by inserting “, includ-  
5 ing rehabilitative services (as defined in section 1710C of  
6 this title),” after “medical services”.

7           (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section  
8 1710C(e)(2)(S) of such title is amended by striking  
9 “opthamologist” and inserting “ophthalmologist”.

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