

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, making formal application to the United States Congress to lawfully change the medical enrollment criteria for the Veterans Health Administration, to include all veterans who served in World War II and the Korean War and who received an honorable discharge or discharge under honorable conditions for their service regardless of current income status.

WHEREAS, World War II veterans who do not have a service-connected disability and who do not meet the means test threshold are not currently eligible for veterans health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, Korean War veterans who do not have a service-connected disability and who do not meet the means test threshold are not currently eligible for veterans health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, many veterans throughout the state and nation, many of whom have actually been in combat, have honorable discharges or discharges under honorable conditions but are not currently eligible for Veterans Administration health care:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that veterans who served in World War II as well as the Korean War should be automatically eligible for health care within the Veterans Health Administration regardless of their income.

Adopted by the Senate,  
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 20, 2018  
February 28, 2018

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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