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# H. R. 2830

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY (for himself and Ms. SHEA-PORTER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Access to  
5 Healthcare (PATH) for Veterans Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR UNEMPLOYED VETERANS IN FUR-**  
2 **NISHING HOSPITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERV-**  
3 **ICES, AND NURSING HOME CARE TO CERTAIN**  
4 **VETERANS.**

5 (a) PRIORITY.—Section 1710(a)(3) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “In the case” and inserting “(A)  
8 In the case”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 paragraph:

11 “(B) In furnishing hospital care, medical services,  
12 and nursing home care pursuant to this paragraph, the  
13 Secretary shall give priority to a veteran who the Sec-  
14 retary determines has become unemployed during the 12-  
15 month period immediately preceding the date on which the  
16 veteran receives such care or services.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subparagraph (B) of section  
18 1710(a)(3) of title 38, United States Code, shall apply  
19 with respect to hospital care, medical services, and nursing  
20 home care furnished on or after the date of the enactment  
21 of this Act.

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