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# H. R. 5740

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORTENBERRY 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 “Veterans Dependents’  
5 Parity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE OF MAXIMUM AGE FOR CHILDREN ELIGI-**  
2 **BLE FOR MEDICAL CARE UNDER CHAMPVA**  
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) INCREASE.—Subsection (c) of section 1781 of  
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
6 lows:

7 “(c)(1) Notwithstanding clauses (i) and (iii) of sec-  
8 tion 101(4)(A) of this title, for purposes of this section,  
9 a child who is eligible for benefits under subsection (a)  
10 shall be eligible for benefits under this section until the  
11 child’s 26th birthday, regardless of the marital status of  
12 the child or whether the child is pursuing a full-time  
13 course of instruction at an educational institution.

14 “(2) This subsection shall not be construed to limit  
15 eligibility for coverage of a child described in section  
16 101(4)(A)(ii) of this title.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Such subsection, as so  
18 amended, shall apply with respect to medical care provided  
19 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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