

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1855
OFFERED BY MR. MICHAUD OF MAINE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

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

7 (a) REHABILITATION PLANS AND SERVICES.—Sec-
8 tion 1710C of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting before the
10 semicolon the following: “with the goal of maxi-
11 mizing the individual’s independence”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by inserting “(and sustaining im-
15 provement in)” after “improving”;

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

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

4 (C) in paragraph (3)—

5 (i) by striking “treatments” the first
6 place it appears and inserting “services”;
7 and

8 (ii) by striking “treatments and” the
9 second place it appears; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

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

15 “(1) rehabilitative services, as defined in section
16 1701 of this title;

17 “(2) treatment and services (which may be of
18 ongoing duration) to sustain, and prevent loss of,
19 functional gains that have been achieved; and

20 “(3) any other rehabilitative services or sup-
21 ports that may contribute to maximizing an individ-
22 ual’s independence.”

23 (b) REHABILITATION SERVICES IN COMPREHENSIVE
24 PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM REHABILITATION.—Section
25 1710D(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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

4 (2) by striking “treatment”.

5 (c) REHABILITATION SERVICES IN AUTHORITY FOR
6 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR USE OF NON-DEPART-
7 MENT FACILITIES FOR REHABILITATION.—Section
8 1710E(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
9 inserting “, including rehabilitative services (as defined in
10 section 1710C of this title),” after “medical services”.

11 (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
12 1710(C)(2)(S) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
13 by striking “ophthamologist” and inserting “ophthalmol-
14 ogist”.

