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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide coverage for boxing-based exercise classes for veterans diagnosed with certain movement disorders, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAHOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Boxing Therapy for
5 Parkinson’s Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BOXING-BASED EXERCISE CLASSES FOR TREAT-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS DIAGNOSED WITH CER-**
3 **TAIN MOVEMENT DISORDERS.**

4 (a) **COVERAGE.**—Subchapter II of chapter 17 of title
5 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section (and conforming the table of sec-
7 tions at the beginning of such chapter accordingly):

8 **“§ 1720M. Boxing-based exercise classes for treatment**
9 **of certain movement disorders**

10 “(a) **CLASSES.**—In furnishing medical services under
11 this chapter, the Secretary shall furnish boxing-based ex-
12 ercise classes to a veteran (through the provision of such
13 classes to the veteran at a medical facility of the Depart-
14 ment or the reimbursement for such classes provided to
15 the veteran at a non-Department facility) if the veteran—

16 “(1) is enrolled in the health care system estab-
17 lished under section 1705(a) of this title;

18 “(2) has been diagnosed with a covered move-
19 ment disorder; and

20 “(3) elects to participate in such classes for the
21 purpose of treating the covered movement disorder
22 with which the veteran has been diagnosed.

23 “(b) **COVERED MOVEMENT DISORDER DEFINED.**—
24 In this section, the term ‘covered movement disorder’
25 means Parkinson’s disease or a similar movement dis-
26 order.”.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
2 section (a) shall apply with respect to medical services fur-
3 nished on or after the date that is 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act.