

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “State Veterans Home  
5 Inspection Simplification Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. DEEMING CERTAIN STATE VETERANS HOMES AS**  
2                 **MEETING MEDICARE SKILLED NURSING FA-**  
3                 **CILITIES CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.**

4         Section 1865(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5         1395bb(a)) is amended—

6                 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, subject to  
7         paragraph (5),” after “If the Secretary”; and

8                 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9         section:

10         “(5) In the case of a provider entity described in  
11         paragraph (3)(B) that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
12         inspects as a State home under section 1742 of title 38,  
13         United States Code, and determines meets such standards  
14         as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall prescribe pursu-  
15         ant to such section, the Secretary of Health and Human  
16         Services shall—

17                 “(A) treat such provider entity as meeting all  
18         conditions and requirements under sections 1819  
19         and 1861(j) for the period for which such deter-  
20         mination is in effect; and

21                 “(B) for purposes of subsection (g)(5)(E) of  
22         section 1819 and other related purposes for posting  
23         information on the Nursing Home Compare website  
24         under subsection (i) of such section, in lieu of the  
25         information described in the first sentence of such  
26         subsection (g)(5)(E), use the information described

1       in the inspections of the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
2       fairs conducted under such section 1742 with re-  
3       spect to such provider entity for such period.”.