

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED                                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION                     (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT                             (Y/N)  
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OTHER                                          

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Market Reform  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Ponder offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 25-84 and insert:

7 (b) "Alternative treatment" means a treatment that is not  
8 part of the standard of medical care established by the United  
9 States Department of Veterans Affairs for treating traumatic  
10 brain injury or posttraumatic stress disorder but has been shown  
11 by at least one scientific or medical peer-reviewed study to  
12 have some positive effect for the treatment of traumatic brain  
13 injury or posttraumatic stress disorder.

14 (c) "Equine therapy" means the use of interaction with  
15 horses under the supervision of a trained equine instructor to  
16 improve the patient's sense of trust and self-efficiency,

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17 increase communication, socialization, and emotional management  
18 skills, and decrease isolation.

19 (d) "Music therapy" means the use of music listening or  
20 performance to address the patient's physical, emotional,  
21 cognitive, and social needs and to facilitate communication and  
22 expression.

23 (e) "Service animal training therapy" means a technique  
24 that allows the patient to work directly with an animal trainer  
25 to train animals as therapy or service animals.

26 (2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may contract with  
27 a state university or Florida College System institution to  
28 furnish alternative treatment options for veterans who have been  
29 certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or  
30 any branch of the United States Armed Forces as having a  
31 traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic stress disorder. The  
32 university or institution shall be responsible for the  
33 procurement of providers and the management, monitoring, and  
34 compliance of any contracted providers. The university or  
35 institution shall provide or contract for the following  
36 alternative treatment options for veterans:

37 (a) Accelerated resolution therapy.

38 (b) Equine therapy.

39 (c) Music therapy.

40 (d) Service animal training therapy.

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