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(38 USC 1714).

TITLE II—OTHER MATTERS

**SEC. 201. AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE
SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS WITH CERTAIN
DISABILITIES.**

(a) AUTHORITY.—Section 1714 is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “seeing-eye or” the first place it appears;

(B) by striking “who are entitled to disability compensation”
and inserting “who are enrolled under section
1705 of this title”;

(C) by striking “, and may pay” and all that follows
through “such seeing-eye or guide dogs”; and

(D) by striking “handicap” and inserting “disability”;

and (2) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(c) The Secretary may, in accordance with the priority specified
in section 1705 of this title, provide—

“(1) service dogs trained for the aid of the hearing impaired
to veterans who are hearing impaired and are enrolled under
section 1705 of this title; and

“(2) service dogs trained for the aid of persons with spinal
cord injury or dysfunction or other chronic impairment that
substantially limits mobility to veterans with such injury,
dysfunction, or impairment who are enrolled under section
1705 of this title.

“(d) In the case of a veteran provided a dog under subsection
(b) or (c), the Secretary may pay travel and incidental expenses
for that veteran under the terms and conditions set forth in section
111 of this title to and from the veteran’s home for expenses
incurred in becoming adjusted to the dog.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading for such section
is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 1714. Fitting and training in use of prosthetic appliances;
guide dogs; service dogs”.**

(2) The item relating to such section in the table of sections
at the beginning of chapter 17 is amended to read as follows:

“1714. Fitting and training in use of prosthetic appliances; guide
dogs; service dogs.”.