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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. BERGMAN, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ''VA Prescription Data Accountability Act 2017''.

**SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISCLOSURE OF PATIENT INFORMATION TO STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MONITORING PROGRAMS.**

Section 5701(l) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(1)'' before ''Under'';

(2) by striking ''a veteran or the dependent of a veteran'' and inserting ''a covered individual''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(2) In this subsection, a 'covered individual' is an individual who is dispensed medication prescribed by an employee of the Department or by a non-Department provider authorized to prescribe such medication by the Department.''.

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