

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1545

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “VA Prescription Data
3 Accountability Act 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISCLOSURE**
5 **OF PATIENT INFORMATION TO STATE CON-**
6 **TROLLED SUBSTANCE MONITORING PRO-**
7 **GRAMS.**

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

10 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Under”;

11 (2) by striking “a veteran or the dependent of
12 a veteran” and inserting “a covered individual”; and

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

15 “(2) In this subsection, a ‘covered individual’ is an
16 individual who is dispensed medication prescribed by an
17 employee of the Department or by a non-Department pro-
18 vider authorized to prescribe such medication by the De-
19 partment.”.

 Passed the House of Representatives May 23, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.