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# H. R. 1799

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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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 “Veterans Affairs  
3 Transfer of Information and sharing of Disability Exam-  
4 ination Procedures with DOD Doctors Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE DIS-**  
6 **ABILITY EXAMINATION AS PART OF RE-**  
7 **QUIRED DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PHYS-**  
8 **ICAL EXAMINATION FOR SEPARATING MEM-**  
9 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

10 Section 1145(a)(5) of title 10, United States Code,  
11 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 paragraphs:

13 “(C) If a member of the armed forces who is required  
14 to receive a physical examination under subparagraph (A)  
15 has or is believed to have a medical condition that will  
16 or may make the member eligible for disability compensa-  
17 tion and benefits from the Department of Veterans Af-  
18 fairs, the physical examination shall be performed by a  
19 health care provider who is certified by the Department  
20 of Veterans Affairs to determine such eligibility. If such  
21 a condition is discovered during the physical examination  
22 and the health care provider performing the examination  
23 is not certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the  
24 examination shall be completed by a health care provider  
25 certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1       “(D) An eligibility determination made as part of a  
2 physical examination under subparagraph (C) shall be  
3 binding on the Department of Veterans Affairs and be  
4 used as the basis for assigning a disability rating for the  
5 separating member.”.

6 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF**  
7                   **VETERANS AFFAIRS JOINT RECORDKEEPING**  
8                   **SYSTEM.**

9       The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary  
10 of Defense shall jointly establish a system to be used by  
11 both the Department of Defense and the Department of  
12 Veterans Affairs to establish and maintain the medical  
13 and personnel records of members of the Armed Forces  
14 and veterans. Such system shall provide for data sharing  
15 between the Department of Defense and the Department  
16 of Veterans Affairs.

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