

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1820

To authorize Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to veterans regarding participation in State marijuana programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. POLIS, Mr. AMASH, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. ROHRABACHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To authorize Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to veterans regarding participation in State marijuana programs.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Equal Access  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
2 **FAIRS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OF REC-**  
3 **COMMENDATIONS AND OPINIONS REGARDING**  
4 **VETERAN PARTICIPATION IN STATE MARI-**  
5 **JUANA PROGRAMS.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-  
7 retary of Veterans Affairs shall authorize physicians and  
8 other health care providers employed by the Department  
9 of Veterans Affairs to—

10 (1) provide recommendations and opinions to  
11 veterans who are residents of States with State  
12 marijuana programs regarding the participation of  
13 veterans in such State marijuana programs; and

14 (2) complete forms reflecting such recommenda-  
15 tions and opinions.

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