

Union Calendar No. 51

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1812

[Report No. 116-75]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2019

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. LEVIN of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 20, 2019

Additional sponsor: Mr. DUNN

MAY 20, 2019

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 18, 2019]

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Vet Center Eligibility*
5 *Expansion Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF VET CENTER SERVICES.**

7 *Section 1712A of title 38, United States Code, is*
8 *amended—*

9 (1) *by striking “clauses (i) through (iv)” both*
10 *places it appears and inserting “clauses (i) through*
11 *(vi)”;*

12 (2) *by striking “in clause (v)” both places it ap-*
13 *pears and inserting “in clause (vii)”;*

14 (3) *in subsection (a)(1)(C)—*

15 (A) *by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as*
16 *clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and*

17 (B) *by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-*
18 *lowing new clauses:*

19 “(iv) *Any individual who is a veteran or mem-*
20 *ber of the Armed Forces, including a member of a re-*
21 *serve component of the Armed Forces, who served—*

22 “(I) *on active service in response to a na-*
23 *tional emergency or major disaster declared by*
24 *the President; or*

1 “(II) *in the National Guard of a State*
2 *under orders of the chief executive of that State*
3 *in response to a disaster or civil disorder in such*
4 *State.*

5 “(v) *Any individual who participated in a drug*
6 *interdiction operation as a member of the Coast*
7 *Guard, regardless of the location of that operation.”;*
8 *and*

9 (4) *in subsection (h), by adding at the end the*
10 *following new paragraphs:*

11 “(4) *The term ‘active service’ has the meaning*
12 *given that term in section 101 of title 10.*

13 “(5) *The term ‘civil disorder’ has the meaning*
14 *given that term in section 232 of title 18.”.*

15 **SEC. 3. PLAN TO PROVIDE VET CENTER SERVICES TO VET-**
16 **ERANS LIVING IN AREAS WHERE NO VET CEN-**
17 **TER IS LOCATED.**

18 *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the*
19 *Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House*
20 *of Representatives a plan to provide Vet Center services to*
21 *veterans living in geographic areas where no Vet Center is*
22 *located, including in the United States insular areas.*

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