

VA Prescription Data Accountability Act 2017

[Public Law 115–86]

[This law has not been amended]

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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.

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

SECTION 1. [38 U.S.C. 101 note] 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(1) 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.”.