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H. R. 6317

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans with service-connected disabilities related to mental health are not barred, because of such disabilities, from readjustment counseling and related mental health services under such title, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Mental Health
5 Care Expansion Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VET-**
2 **ERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABIL-**
3 **ITIES RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH.**

4 Section 5303 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(f) If the Secretary determines that at the time of
8 the commission of an offense leading to a person’s court-
9 martial, discharge, or resignation, such person had a serv-
10 ice-connected disability related to mental health, sub-
11 section (a) shall not apply to counseling and related men-
12 tal health services available to such person under section
13 1712A of this title.”.

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