

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5829

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2018

Mr. MULLIN 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 “VA Opioid Prescribing
5 Rates Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTS ON VETERANS HEALTH ADMINIS-**
2 **TRATION PHYSICIAN OPIOID PRESCRIBING**
3 **RATES AND MANDATORY PAIN MANAGEMENT**
4 **TRAINING FOR HIGHEST PRESCRIBERS.**

5 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not less frequently than
6 once each year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
7 transmit to each individual employed by the Veterans
8 Health Administration as a physician a report on the
9 opioid prescribing rates of the individual.

10 (b) PAIN MANAGEMENT TRAINING.—Each fiscal
11 year, the Secretary shall ensure that each of the individ-
12 uals employed by the Veterans Health Administration as
13 physicians who were among the 10 percent of individuals
14 employed by the Administration as physicians who had the
15 highest opioid prescribing rates in the most recently com-
16 pleted fiscal year receive pain management training.

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