

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6165

To improve the treatment of opioids under the pharmacy benefits program
of the Department of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2018

Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself, Mr. KNIGHT, and Mr. MOULTON) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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benefits program of the Department of Defense.

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 “Combating Opioid Mis-
5 use Before Addiction for our Troops Act” or the “COM-
6 BAT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF OPIOIDS UNDER THE PHARMACY**
2 **BENEFITS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT**
3 **OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) SUPPLY.—Except as provided by subsection (b),
5 and except as otherwise provided by the prescribing med-
6 ical professional, in carrying out the pharmacy benefits
7 program under section 1074g of title 10, United States
8 Code, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that—

9 (1) the first prescription for an opioid provided
10 during a course of treatment is limited to a seven-
11 day supply of the opioid; and

12 (2) any further supply is subject to a renewal
13 of the prescription.

14 (b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)
15 shall not apply with respect to an individual who—

16 (1) suffers from chronic pain and participates
17 in a pain management program;

18 (2) is being treated for cancer;

19 (3) is being treated for a traumatic injury;

20 (4) is being treated for opioid or substance
21 abuse disorder;

22 (5) receives hospice care; or

23 (6) receives palliative care.

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