

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1567

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2017

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 Prescription Data
5 Accountability Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO DISCLOSE PATIENT**
3 **INFORMATION TO STATE CONTROLLED SUB-**
4 **STANCE MONITORING PROGRAMS.**

5 Section 5701(l) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Under”;

8 (2) by striking “a veteran or the dependent of
9 a veteran” and inserting “a covered individual”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered individual’
13 means an individual who is dispensed medication pre-
14 scribed by an employee of the Department or by a non-
15 Department provider authorized to prescribe such medica-
16 tion by the Department.”.

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