

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2819

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report on opioid prescribing rates of physicians of the Veterans Health Administration and to conduct pain management training for those physicians with the highest rates of opioid prescribing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 10, 2018

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL REPORTS ON VETERANS HEALTH AD-**
2 **MINISTRATION PHYSICIAN OPIOID PRE-**
3 **SCRIBING RATES AND MANDATORY PAIN**
4 **MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR HIGHEST PRE-**
5 **SCRIBERS.**

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

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

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