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H. R. 3277

To improve the leasing projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To improve the leasing projects of the Department of
Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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. HANDBOOK TO IMPROVE LEASING PROJECTS.**

4 (a) UPDATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, and not less than once every
6 five-year period thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
7 fairs shall update the handbook of the Department of Vet-
8 erans Affairs titled “Planning and Activating Community
9 Based Outpatient Clinics”, or a successor handbook, to
10 reflect current policies, best practices, and clarify the roles

1 and responsibilities of the personnel of the Department in-
2 volved in the leasing projects of the Department.

3 (b) CBOC.—The Secretary shall ensure that the
4 handbook specified in subsection (a) defines “community
5 based outpatient clinic” in the same manner as such term
6 is defined in the Veterans Health Administration Site
7 Tracking database (commonly known as “VAST”) as of
8 the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (c) USE OF HANDBOOK STANDARDS FOR OVER-
10 SIGHT.—The Secretary shall ensure that the Veterans
11 Health Administration incorporates the best practices con-
12 tained in the handbook specified in subsection (a) in con-
13 ducting oversight of the medical centers of the Depart-
14 ment of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Integrated
15 Service Network.

16 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF TRAINING REGARDING HANDBOOK**
17 **TO IMPROVE LEASING PROJECTS.**

18 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide guidance and
20 training to employees of the Veterans Health Administra-
21 tion for the use of the handbook specified in section 1(a).
22 The Secretary shall update such guidance and training to-
23 gether with each update of such handbook.

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