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S. 2106

To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on the premises of any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2019

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KAINE) 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. PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN FACILITIES OF**

4 **THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1715 of title 38,

7 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

3 “(a) PROHIBITION.—No person (including any vet-
4 eran, patient, resident, employee of the Department, con-
5 tractor, or visitor) may smoke on the premises of any facil-
6 ity of the Veterans Health Administration.

7 "(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) The term ‘facility of the Veterans Health
9 Administration’ means any land or building (includ-
10 ing any medical center, nursing home, domiciliary
11 facility, outpatient clinic, or center that provides re-
12 adjustment counseling) that is—

13 “(A) under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
14 ment of Veterans Affairs;

17 “(C) not under the control of the General
18 Services Administration.

19 “(2) The term ‘smoke’ includes—

20 “(A) the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes,
21 and any other combustion or heating of to-
22 bacco; and

“1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the Veterans Health Administration.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 526 of the
Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–585;
38 U.S.C. 1715 note) is repealed.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section take effect on October 1, 2019.

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