

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4837

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand a directive of the Veterans Health Administration regarding informed consent to apply to certain types of medications.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. SELF) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Written Informed Con-
5 sent Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF CERTAIN DIRECTIVE OF THE VET-**
2 **ERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION REGARD-**
3 **ING INFORMED CONSENT TO APPLY TO CER-**
4 **TAIN TYPES OF MEDICATIONS.**

5 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall update VHA
6 Directive 1005 (dated May 13, 2020, and titled “Informed
7 Consent For Long-term Opioid Therapy For Pain”) to
8 apply to the following types of medications:

- 9 (1) Antipsychotics.
- 10 (2) Stimulants.
- 11 (3) Antidepressants.
- 12 (4) Anxiolytics.
- 13 (5) Narcotics.

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