

## Union Calendar No. 242

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1575

[Report No. 114-319]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2015

Ms. BROWN of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Additional sponsors: Ms. KUSTER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. RUIZ

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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. COUNSELING IN RETREAT SETTINGS FOR**  
4 **WOMEN VETERANS NEWLY SEPARATED FROM**  
5 **SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) PERMANENT PROGRAM.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 38,  
8 United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
9 section 1712B the following new section:

10 **“§ 1712C. Counseling in retreat settings for women**  
11 **veterans newly separated**

12 “(a) PROGRAM.—(1) Commencing on January 1,  
13 2016, the Secretary shall carry out, through the Readjust-  
14 ment Counseling Service of the Veterans Health Adminis-  
15 tration, a program to provide reintegration and readjust-  
16 ment services described in subsection (b) in group retreat  
17 settings to women veterans who are recently separated  
18 from service in the Armed Forces after a prolonged de-  
19 ployment.

20 “(2) The participation of a veteran in the program  
21 under paragraph (1) shall be at the election of the veteran.

22 “(b) COVERED SERVICES.—The services provided to  
23 a woman veteran under the program under subsection  
24 (a)(1) shall include the following:

1           “(1) Information on reintegration into the fam-  
2           ily, employment, and community of the veteran.

3           “(2) Financial counseling.

4           “(3) Occupational counseling.

5           “(4) Information and counseling on stress re-  
6           duction.

7           “(5) Information and counseling on conflict res-  
8           olution.

9           “(6) Such other information and counseling as  
10          the Secretary considers appropriate to assist the vet-  
11          eran in reintegration into the family, employment,  
12          and community of the veteran.

13          “(c) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—Not later than December  
14          31, 2017, and each odd-numbered year thereafter, the  
15          Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-  
16          fairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a  
17          report on the program under subsection (a)(1).”.

18          (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
19          tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
20          by inserting after the item relating to section 1712B  
21          the following new item:

          “1712C. Counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated.”.

22          (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Effective December 31,  
23          2015, section 203 of the Caregivers and Veterans Omni-  
24          bus Health Services Act of 2010 (38 U.S.C. 1712A note)  
25          is repealed.



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