

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5337

To ensure that an individual who is transitioning from receiving medical treatment furnished by the Secretary of Defense to medical treatment furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs receives the pharmaceutical agents required for such transition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE (for himself, Mr. COFFMAN, Miss RICE of New York, and Ms. TITUS) 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 “Veteran Prescription
5 Continuity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO TRANSITION OF CARE OF VET-**
2 **ERANS.**

3 Section 715 of the National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C.
5 1074g note) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f)
7 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection (c):

10 “(c) **OTHER PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS.—**

11 “(1) **CRITICAL FOR TRANSITION.—**The Sec-
12 retary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish to an indi-
13 vidual who is transitioning from receiving treatment
14 furnished by the Secretary of Defense to treatment
15 furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs pur-
16 suant to chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code,
17 any pharmaceutical agent not included in the joint
18 uniform formulary if a health care provider of the
19 Department of Defense determines that such phar-
20 maceutical agent is critical for such transition.

21 “(2) **DURATION.—**The Secretary of Veterans
22 Affairs shall furnish to an individual a pharma-
23 ceutical agent under paragraph (1) during the pe-
24 riod—

25 “(A) beginning on the date on which the
26 individual is enrolled in the health care system

1 of the Department of Veterans Affairs estab-
2 lished under section 1705 of title 38, United
3 States Code; and

4 “(B) ending on the date on which a health
5 care provider of the Department determines
6 that the individual does not require such phar-
7 maceutical agent.”.

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