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1ST SESSION

H. R. 3267

To authorize the provision of non-medical counseling services to a member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent of such member, by a mental health professional, without regard to the location of the provider or recipient of such services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. WITTMAN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Comforting Our Mili-
5 tary Families through On-base or Remote Treatment Act”
6 or the “COMFORT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NON-MEDICAL COUNSELING SERVICES FOR MILI-**
2 **TARY FAMILIES.**

3 (a) NON-MEDICAL COUNSELING SERVICES.—Not-
4 withstanding any other provision of law, a mental health
5 professional described in subsection (b) may provide non-
6 medical counseling services to military families at any lo-
7 cation in a State, the District of Columbia, or a territory
8 or possession of the United States, without regard to
9 where the provider or recipient of such services is located,
10 if the provision of such services is within the scope of the
11 authorized Federal duties of the provider.

12 (b) COVERED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.—
13 A mental health professional described in this subsection
14 is a person who is—

15 (1) a currently licensed or certified mental
16 health care provider who holds an unrestricted li-
17 cense or certification that is—

18 (A) issued by a State, the District of Co-
19 lumbia, or a territory or possession of the
20 United States; and

21 (B) recognized by the Secretary of De-
22 fense;

23 (2) a member of the Armed Forces, a civilian
24 employee of the Department of Defense, or a con-
25 tractor designated by the Secretary; and

- 1 (3) performing authorized duties for the De-
- 2 partment of Defense under a program or activity re-
- 3 ferred to in subsection (a).

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