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# H. R. 6317

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 Mental Health  
5 Care Expansion Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VET-**  
2 **ERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABIL-**  
3 **ITIES RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH.**

4 Section 5303 of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “(f) If the Secretary determines that at the time of  
8 the commission of an offense leading to a person’s court-  
9 martial, discharge, or resignation, such person had a serv-  
10 ice-connected disability related to mental health, sub-  
11 section (a) shall not apply to counseling and related men-  
12 tal health services available to such person under section  
13 1712A of this title.”.

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