

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6908

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

Mr. STIVERS (for himself and Mr. WALZ) 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 “Puppies Assisting
5 Wounded Servicemembers Act of 2018” or the “PAWS
6 Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
2 **TO PROVIDE SERVICE DOGS TO VETERANS**
3 **WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES WHO DO NOT HAVE**
4 **MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS.**

5 Section 1714 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(e) The Secretary may provide a service dog to a
9 veteran under subsection (c)(3) regardless of whether the
10 veteran has a mobility impairment.”.

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