

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2198

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that calls to medical facilities of the Department can be quickly redirected to the Veterans Crisis Line.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Mr. TAKANO) 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 “Veterans Crisis Line
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF REDIRECTION OF CALLS TO DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL**
3 **FACILITIES TO VETERANS CRISIS LINE.**

4 Beginning not later than 180 days after the date of
5 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
6 fairs shall ensure that, upon placing a telephone call to
7 the main telephone number of any Department of Vet-
8 erans Affairs medical facility, the first message a caller
9 hears provides a mechanism by which the caller can choose
10 to be quickly redirected to the Veterans Crisis Line with-
11 out ending the telephone call.

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