

## Union Calendar No. 93

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1545

[Report No. 115-144]

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. BERGMAN, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 22, 2017

Additional sponsors: Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. ESTY of Connecticut

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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 “VA Prescription Data  
5 Accountability Act 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISCLOSURE**  
7                   **OF PATIENT INFORMATION TO STATE CON-**  
8                   **TROLLED SUBSTANCE MONITORING PRO-**  
9                   **GRAMS.**

10       Section 5701(l) of title 38, United States Code, is  
11 amended—

12           (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Under”;

13           (2) by striking “a veteran or the dependent of  
14 a veteran” and inserting “a covered individual”; and

15           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
16 paragraph:

17       “(2) In this subsection, a ‘covered individual’ is an  
18 individual who is dispensed medication prescribed by an  
19 employee of the Department or by a non-Department pro-  
20 vider authorized to prescribe such medication by the De-  
21 partment.”.

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