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# H. R. 1371

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2017

Mr. O'ROURKE 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 “Vet Connect Act of  
5 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN MEDICAL**  
2 **RECORDS OF VETERANS WHO RECEIVE NON-**  
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
4 **HEALTH CARE.**

5 Section 7332(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code,  
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 paragraph:

8 “(H)(i) To a non-Department entity (including  
9 private entities and other departments or agencies of  
10 the Federal Government) that provides hospital care  
11 or medical treatment to veterans.

12 “(ii) An entity to which a record is disclosed  
13 under this subparagraph may not redisclose or use  
14 such record for a purpose other than that for which  
15 the disclosure was made.”.

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