

Union Calendar No. 806

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 1662

[Report No. 115–1033]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking in any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2017

Mr. WENSTRUP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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. PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN FACILITIES OF**
4 **THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 1715 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the**
8 **Veterans Health Administration**

9 “(a) PROHIBITION.—(1) No person may smoke in-
10 doors in any facility of the Veterans Health Administra-
11 tion.

12 “(2) No person may smoke outdoors in any facility
13 of the Veterans Health Administration on or after October
14 1, 2022.

15 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) The term ‘smoke’ includes the smoking of
17 cigarettes (including e-cigarettes or electronic ciga-
18 rettes), cigars, pipes, and any other combustion of
19 tobacco.

20 “(2) The term ‘facility of the Veterans Health
21 Administration’ means any land or building (includ-
22 ing any medical center, nursing home, domiciliary
23 facility, outpatient clinic, or center that provides re-
24 adjustment counseling) that is—

1 “(A) under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
2 ment of Veterans Affairs;

3 “(B) under the control of the Veterans
4 Health Administration; and

5 “(C) not under the control of the General
6 Services Administration.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) The table of sections at the beginning of
9 chapter 17 of such title is amended by striking the
10 item relating to section 1715 and inserting the fol-
11 lowing:

 “1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the Veterans Health Administra-
 tion.”.

12 (2) Section 526 of the Veterans Health Care
13 Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–585) is repealed.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
15 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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