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H. R. 2601

To amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to improve the access of veterans to organ transplants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2017

Mr. DUNN (for himself, Mr. CORREA, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BOST, Mr. BACON, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. ROSS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. ARRINGTON) 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 Increased
5 Choice for Transplanted Organs and Recovery Act of
6 2017” or the “VICTOR Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ORGAN TRANSPLANTS UNDER THE VETERANS**
2 **CHOICE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 101(b)(2) of the Veterans Access, Choice,
4 and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38
5 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking “or”;

7 (2) in subparagraph (D)(ii)(II)(dd), by striking
8 the period and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(E)(i) requires an organ transplant;

12 “(ii) resides more than 100 miles from a
13 transplant center operated by the Department;
14 and

15 “(iii) is seeking, under subsection (a), hos-
16 pital care or medical services related to the re-
17 quired organ transplant at a transplant cen-
18 ter—

19 “(I) located within 100 miles of the
20 residence of the veteran;

21 “(II) operated by an entity that is de-
22 scribed in subsection (a)(1)(B) that has
23 entered into an agreement with the Sec-
24 retary under subsection (d).”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
3 on the later of—

4 (1) October 1, 2018; and

5 (2) the date of the enactment of this Act.

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