

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1812

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vet Center Eligibility
3 Expansion Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF VET CENTER SERVICES.**

5 Section 1712A of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “clauses (i) through (iv)” both
8 places it appears and inserting “clauses (i) through
9 (vi)”;

10 (2) by striking “in clause (v)” both places it ap-
11 pears and inserting “in clause (vii)”;

12 (3) in subsection (a)(1)(C)—

13 (A) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as
14 clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and

15 (B) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-
16 lowing new clauses:

17 “(iv) Any individual who is a veteran or mem-
18 ber of the Armed Forces, including a member of a
19 reserve component of the Armed Forces, who
20 served—

21 “(I) on active service in response to a na-
22 tional emergency or major disaster declared by
23 the President; or

24 “(II) in the National Guard of a State
25 under orders of the chief executive of that State

1 in response to a disaster or civil disorder in
2 such State.

3 “(v) Any individual who participated in a drug
4 interdiction operation as a member of the Coast
5 Guard, regardless of the location of that operation.”;
6 and

7 (4) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraphs:

9 “(4) The term ‘active service’ has the meaning
10 given that term in section 101 of title 10.

11 “(5) The term ‘civil disorder’ has the meaning
12 given that term in section 232 of title 18.”.

13 **SEC. 3. PLAN TO PROVIDE VET CENTER SERVICES TO VET-**
14 **ERANS LIVING IN AREAS WHERE NO VET**
15 **CENTER IS LOCATED.**

16 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the
17 Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House
18 of Representatives a plan to provide Vet Center services
19 to veterans living in geographic areas where no Vet Center
20 is located, including in the United States insular areas.

Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 2019.

Attest:

Clerk.

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