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# H. R. 1812

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2019

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. LEVIN of California) 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 Center Eligibility  
5 Expansion Act”.

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

7 Section 1712A of title 38, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

1           (1) by striking “clauses (i) through (iv)” both  
2 places it appears and inserting “clauses (i) through  
3 (vi)”;

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

6           (3) in subsection (a)(1)(C)—

7                 (A) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as  
8 clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and

9                 (B) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-  
10 lowing new clauses:

11                 “(iv) Any individual who is a veteran or mem-  
12 ber of the Armed Forces, including a member of a  
13 reserve component of the Armed Forces, who  
14 served—

15                         “(I) on active service in response to a na-  
16 tional emergency or major disaster declared by  
17 the President; or

18                         “(II) in the National Guard of a State  
19 under orders of the chief executive of that State  
20 in response to a disaster or civil disorder in  
21 such State.

22                 “(v) Any individual who participated in a drug  
23 interdiction operation as a member of the Coast  
24 Guard, regardless of the location of that operation.”;  
25 and

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

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

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

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