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H. R. 430

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE 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 Cannabis Use
5 for Safe Healing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VETERAN PARTICIPATION IN STATE-APPROVED**
2 **MARIJUANA PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) **PROVISION OF BENEFITS.**—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
5 may not deny a veteran any benefit under the laws admin-
6 istered by the Secretary by reason of the veteran partici-
7 pating in a State-approved marijuana program.

8 (b) **CONSULTATION.**—With respect to a veteran who
9 is enrolled in the system of patient enrollment under sec-
10 tion 1705 of title 38, United States Code, and participates
11 in a State-approved marijuana program, the Secretary
12 shall ensure that physicians and other health care pro-
13 viders of the Veterans Health Administration—

14 (1) discuss marijuana use with the veteran and
15 adjust medical treatment plans accordingly; and

16 (2) record such use in the medical records of
17 the veteran.

18 (c) **PROVISION OF INFORMATION.**—Notwithstanding
19 any other provision of law, the Secretary shall authorize
20 physicians and other health care providers of the Veterans
21 Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Af-
22 fairs to provide recommendations and opinions to veterans
23 who are residents of States with State-approved marijuana
24 programs regarding the participation of veterans in such
25 programs.

26 (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) The term “marijuana” has the meaning
2 given the term “marihuana” in section 102 of the
3 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

4 (2) The term “State” has the meaning given
5 that term in section 101 of title 38, United States
6 Code.

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