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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1107

[Report No. 119-221]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain health care professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to deliver, distribute, or dispense to veterans certain controlled medications via telemedicine under certain conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Mr. WOMACK (for himself, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. NEGUSE, Mrs. BICE, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Additional sponsors: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. FALLON, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Ms. TITUS, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. TRAN, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. POU, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Ms. McDONALD RIVET

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Veteran Ac-
5 cess to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DELIVERY, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISPENSATION OF**
7 **CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS BY COVERED**
8 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
9 **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS VIA TELE-**
10 **MEDICINE.**

11 Subchapter III of chapter 17 of title 38, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new section (and conforming the table of sections
14 at the beginning of such chapter accordingly):

15 **“§ 1730D. Delivery, distribution, and dispensation of**
16 **controlled medications via telemedicine**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to section 1730C of
18 this title and subject to the requirements of title III of
19 the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.),
20 a covered health care professional may use telemedicine
21 to deliver, distribute, or dispense to a patient eligible to
22 receive medical treatment under this chapter a controlled
23 substance that is a prescription drug as determined under
24 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301
25 et seq.) regardless of whether such covered health care

1 professional has conducted an in-person medical examina-
2 tion of such patient if—

3 “(1) such covered health care professional is—

4 “(A) authorized to prescribe the basic class
5 of such controlled substance under an active,
6 current, full, and unrestricted State license,
7 registration, or certification; and

8 “(B) acting in the usual course of profes-
9 sional practice; and

10 “(2) such substance is delivered, distributed, or
11 dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose.

12 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish in
13 regulations guidelines and a process for the delivery, dis-
14 tribution, and dispensation of a controlled substance pur-
15 suant to subsection (a).

16 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion may be construed to remove, limit, or otherwise affect
18 any obligation of a covered health care professional under
19 the Controlled Substances Act.

20 “(d) DEFINITIONS.— In this section:

21 “(1) The terms ‘controlled substance’, ‘deliver’,
22 ‘dispense’, and ‘distribute’ have the meanings given
23 such terms in section 102 of the Controlled Sub-
24 stances Act, respectively.

1 “(2) The term ‘covered health care professional’
2 means—

3 “(A) a health care professional who—

4 “(i) is an employee of the Department
5 appointed under section 7306, 7401, 7405,
6 7406, or 7408 of this title or under title 5;

7 “(ii) is not a contractor of the De-
8 partment;

9 “(iii) is authorized by the Secretary to
10 provide health care under this chapter;

11 “(iv) is required to adhere to all
12 standards for quality relating to the provi-
13 sion of health care in accordance with ap-
14 plicable policies of the Department;

15 “(v) has an active, current, full, and
16 unrestricted license, registration, or certifi-
17 cation or meet qualification standards set
18 forth by the Secretary within a specified
19 time frame; and

20 “(vi) with respect to a health care
21 profession listed under section 7402(b) of
22 this title, has the qualifications for such
23 profession as set forth by the Secretary;
24 and

25 “(B) a health professions trainee who—

1 “(i) is appointed under section 7405
2 of this title; and

3 “(ii) is under the clinical supervision
4 of a health care professional described in
5 subparagraph (A).”.

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