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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1336

[Report No. 119-344]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. ROSS, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER 17, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. OWENS

OCTOBER 17, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 13, 2025]

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 National Trau-*
5 *matic Brain Injury Treatment Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO FURNISH HYPERBARIC OXYGEN**
7 **THERAPY TO A VETERAN WITH TRAUMATIC**
8 **BRAIN INJURY OR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS**
9 **DISORDER.**

10 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-*
11 *fairs shall implement a pilot program to furnish HBOT*
12 *to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-*
13 *traumatic stress disorder through a health care provider de-*
14 *scribed in section 1703(c)(5) of title 38, United States Code.*

15 *(b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall select two Vet-*
16 *erans Integrated Service Networks in which to operate the*
17 *pilot program.*

18 *(c) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall*
19 *ensure that any medical facility at which a veteran who*
20 *has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress dis-*
21 *order receives HBOT pursuant to the pilot program is ac-*
22 *credited by—*

23 *(1) the Joint Commission on Accreditation of*
24 *Hospital Organizations;*

1 (2) *the Undersea and Hyberbaric Medical Soci-*
2 *ety; or*

3 (3) *another appropriate organization that has*
4 *expertise and objectivity comparable to that of the*
5 *Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Orga-*
6 *nizations or the Undersea and Hyberbaric Medical*
7 *Society.*

8 (d) *FUNDING.—*

9 (1) *There is in the general fund of the Treasury*
10 *a fund to be known as the “VA HBOT Fund” (in this*
11 *Act referred to as the “Fund”).*

12 (2) *The sole source of monies for the Fund shall*
13 *be donations received by the Secretary for express*
14 *purposes of the Fund.*

15 (3) *Amounts in the Fund shall be available to*
16 *the Secretary without fiscal year limitation to pay for*
17 *HBOT under subsection (a).*

18 (4) *The Fund shall terminate on the termination*
19 *date under subsection (e).*

20 (e) *TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall terminate*
21 *on the day that is three years after the date of the enactment*
22 *of this Act.*

23 (f) *HBOT DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “HBOT”*
24 *means hyperbaric oxygen therapy with a medical device—*

1 (1) approved by the Food and Drug Administra-
2 tion; or

3 (2) issued an investigational device exemption by
4 the Food and Drug Administration.

5 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT ON THE USE OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN**
6 **THERAPY TO TREAT TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-**
7 **JURY AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS-**
8 **ORDER.**

9 Not later than one year after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
11 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the
12 Senate and House of Representatives an update to the re-
13 port titled "Research on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy to
14 Treat Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress
15 Disorder" (GAO-16-154). Such report shall include the as-
16 sessment of the Comptroller General of clinical trials con-
17 ducted, since the publication of such report—

18 (1) regarding the use of hyperbaric oxygen ther-
19 apy to treat traumatic brain injury and post-trau-
20 matic stress disorder; and

21 (2) by—

22 (A) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

23 (B) the Secretary of Defense; and

24 (C) private entities.

1 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
2 **PENSION.**

3 *Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is*
4 *amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and inserting*
5 *“October 30, 2034”.*

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