

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5758

To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the voluntary transmission of patient contact information to certain religious or faith-based organizations by chaplains employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 14, 2025

Mr. SELF (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI) 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 “Enhancing Faith-
5 Based Support for Veterans Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY TRANSMISSION OF PATIENT CONTACT**
2 **INFORMATION TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS**
3 **BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
4 **CHAPLAINS.**

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

9 **“§ 1730D. Voluntary transmission by Department**
10 **chaplains of patient contact information**
11 **to certain religious or faith-based organi-**
12 **zations**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a patient on
14 whom a chaplain employed by the Department has con-
15 ducted a spiritual assessment, such chaplain may, at the
16 election of the patient, transmit the contact information
17 of such patient to a non-Department religious or faith-
18 based organization specified by such patient.

19 “(b) SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT DEFINED.—In this
20 section, the term ‘spiritual assessment’ means an evalua-
21 tion of a patient entitled to receive medical treatment
22 under this chapter by a chaplain employed by the Depart-
23 ment to—

24 “(1) gather spiritual information about such
25 patient; and

1 “(2) inform the medical treatment plan of such
2 patient, if applicable.”.

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