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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

**H. R. 1812**

**[Report No. 116-]**

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

MAY --, 2019

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 March 18, 2019]

# **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—*

9 *(1) by striking “clauses (i) through (iv)” both*  
10 *places it appears and inserting “clauses (i) through*  
11 *(vi)”;*

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

14 *(3) in subsection (a)(1)(C)—*

15 *(A) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as*  
16 *clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and*

17 *(B) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-*  
18 *lowing new clauses:*

19 *“(iv) Any individual who is a veteran or mem-*  
20 *ber of the Armed Forces, including a member of a re-*  
21 *serve component of the Armed Forces, who served—*

22 *“(I) on active service in response to a na-*  
23 *tional emergency or major disaster declared by*  
24 *the President; or*

1           “(II) *in the National Guard of a State*  
2           *under orders of the chief executive of that State*  
3           *in response to a disaster or civil disorder in such*  
4           *State.*

5           “(v) *Any individual who participated in a drug*  
6           *interdiction operation as a member of the Coast*  
7           *Guard, regardless of the location of that operation.”;*  
8           *and*

9           (4) *in subsection (h), by adding at the end the*  
10          *following new paragraphs:*

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

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

15       **SEC. 3. PLAN TO PROVIDE VET CENTER SERVICES TO VET-**  
16                               **ERANS LIVING IN AREAS WHERE NO VET CEN-**  
17                               **TER IS LOCATED.**

18          *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the*  
19          *Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House*  
20          *of Representatives a plan to provide Vet Center services to*  
21          *veterans living in geographic areas where no Vet Center is*  
22          *located, including in the United States insular areas.*