

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2521, with Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2521

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish doula services to veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2021

Mrs. LAWRENCE (for herself, Ms. DEAN, Mrs. LESKO, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mrs. MCBATH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish doula services to veterans.

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 “Delivering Optimally
5 Urgent Labor Access for Veterans Affairs Act of 2022”
6 or the “DOULA for VA Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY STUDY ON DOULA**
2 **SUPPORT FOR VETERANS.**

3 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
4 carry out a study on the feasibility and advisability of fur-
5 nishing doula services to covered veterans. Such study
6 shall include an analysis of—

7 (1) measures taken by other Federal, State,
8 and local entities to ensure the appropriate certifi-
9 cation of doulas; and

10 (2) the extent to which such measures, or simi-
11 lar measures, may be adequate for purposes of such
12 furnishment.

13 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 18 months after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
15 mit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House
16 of Representatives and the Senate a report on the findings
17 of the study under subsection (a) that shall include a de-
18 termination by the Secretary as to whether furnishing
19 doula services to covered veterans is feasible and advisable.

20 (c) **COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.**—In this section,
21 the term “covered veteran” means a pregnant veteran or
22 a formerly pregnant veteran (with respect to doula services
23 to be furnished post-partum) who is enrolled in the patient
24 enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs
25 under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of furnishing doula services to certain veterans, and for other purposes.”.