

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1133  
OFFERED BY MR. WENSTRUP OF OHIO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Transplant  
3 Coverage Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATIONS ON**  
5               **LIVE DONORS FOR PURPOSES OF CON-**  
6               **DUCTING TRANSPLANT PROCEDURES FOR**  
7               **VETERANS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VIII of chapter 17 of  
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following new section:

11 **“§ 1788. Transplant procedures with live donors and**  
12               **related services**

13       “(a) IN GENERAL.—In a case in which a veteran is  
14 eligible for a transplant procedure from the Department,  
15 the Secretary may provide for an operation on a live donor  
16 to carry out such procedure for such veteran, notwith-  
17 standing that the live donor may not be eligible for health  
18 care from the Department.

1       “(b) OTHER SERVICES.—Subject to the availability  
2 of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary shall  
3 furnish to a live donor any care or services before and  
4 after conducting the transplant procedure under sub-  
5 section (a) that may be required in connection with such  
6 procedure.

7       “(c) USE OF DEPARTMENT OR NON-DEPARTMENT  
8 FACILITIES.—The Secretary may provide for the oper-  
9 ation described in subsection (a) on a live donor and fur-  
10 nish to the live donor the care and services described in  
11 subsection (b) at a facility of the Department or at a non-  
12 Department facility pursuant to an agreement entered  
13 into by the Secretary under section 1703 or 8153 of this  
14 title, section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Ac-  
15 countability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C.  
16 1701 note), or any other authority of the Secretary to fur-  
17 nish care at non-Department facilities. The live donor  
18 shall be deemed to be an individual eligible for hospital  
19 care and medical services at a non-Department facility  
20 pursuant to such an agreement solely for the purposes of  
21 receiving such operation, care, and services at the non-  
22 Department facility.”.

23       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
24 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended

- 1 by inserting after the item relating to section 1787 the
- 2 following new item:

“1788. Transplant procedures with live donors and related services.”.

