

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2916
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Cannabis
3 Analysis, Research, and Effectiveness Act” or the “Vet-
4 erans CARE Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. CONDUCT OF RESEARCH INTO EFFECTS OF CAN-
6 NABIS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES OF CERTAIN
7 VETERANS.**

8 (a) RESEARCH.—In carrying out the responsibilities
9 of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 7303
10 of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary shall con-
11 duct and support research relating to the efficacy and
12 safety of forms of cannabis described in subsection (c) on
13 the health outcomes of covered veterans diagnosed with
14 chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other
15 conditions the Secretary determines appropriate. The Sec-
16 retary shall ensure that such research is conducted in ac-
17 cordance with applicable regulations relating to the over-
18 sight of research, including such regulations prescribed by

1 the Office of Research and Development of the Depart-
2 ment of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Health and
3 Human Services (including through the National Institute
4 on Drug Abuse), the Food and Drug Administration, the
5 Drug Enforcement Administration, and the National In-
6 stitutes of Health.

7 (b) DATA PRESERVATION.—Research conducted pur-
8 suant to subsection (a) shall include a mechanism to en-
9 sure the preservation of all data, including all data sets,
10 collected or used for purposes of the research required by
11 subsection (a) in a manner that will facilitate further re-
12 search.

13 (c) FORMS OF CANNABIS TO BE RESEARCHED.—The
14 forms of cannabis described in this subsection are—

15 (1) varying forms of cannabis, including—

16 (A) full plants and extracts;

17 (B) at least three different strains of can-
18 nabis with significant variants in phenotypic
19 traits and various ratios of
20 tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol in chem-
21 ical composition; and

22 (C) other chemical analogs of
23 tetrahydrocannabinol; and

1 (2) varying methods of cannabis delivery, in-
2 cluding topical application, combustible and non-
3 combustible inhalation, and ingestion.

4 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—In conducting and sup-
5 porting research under subsection (a), the Secretary
6 shall—

7 (1) before conducting and supporting such re-
8 search, develop a plan to implement this section and
9 submit such plan to the Committees on Veterans’
10 Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
11 ate; and

12 (2) issue any requests for proposals the Sec-
13 retary determines appropriate for such implementa-
14 tion.

15 (e) REPORTS.—During the five-year period beginning
16 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 shall submit periodically, but not less frequently than an-
18 nually, to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the
19 House of Representatives and the Senate reports on the
20 implementation of this section.

21 (f) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
22 the term “covered veteran” means a veteran who is en-
23 rolled in the patient enrollment system of the Department
24 of Veterans Affairs under section 1705 of title 38, United
25 States Code.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct and support research on the efficacy and safety of medicinal cannabis, and for other purposes.”.

