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H. R. 1336

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 “Veterans National
5 Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO FURNISH HYPERBARIC OXY-**
2 **GEN THERAPY TO A VETERAN WITH TRAU-**
3 **MATIC BRAIN INJURY OR POST-TRAUMATIC**
4 **STRESS DISORDER.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs shall implement a pilot program to furnish HBOT
7 to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-
8 traumatic stress disorder through a health care provider
9 described in section 1703(c)(5) of title 38, United States
10 Code.

11 (b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall select three
12 Veterans Integrated Service Networks in which to operate
13 the pilot program.

14 (c) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
15 shall ensure that any medical facility at which a veteran
16 who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress
17 disorder receives HBOT pursuant to the pilot program is
18 accredited by—

19 (1) the Joint Commission on Accreditation of
20 Hospital Organizations;

21 (2) the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Soci-
22 ety; or

23 (3) another appropriate organization that has
24 expertise and objectivity comparable to that of the
25 Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Or-

1 ganizations or the Undersea and Hyberbaric Medical
2 Society.

3 (d) FUNDING.—

4 (1) There is in the general fund of the Treasury
5 a fund to be known as the “VA HBOT Fund” (in
6 this Act referred to as the “Fund”).

7 (2) The sole source of monies for the Fund
8 shall be donations received by the Secretary for ex-
9 press purposes of the Fund.

10 (3) Amounts in the Fund shall be available to
11 the Secretary without fiscal year limitation to pay
12 for HBOT under subsection (a).

13 (4) The Fund shall terminate on the termi-
14 nation date under subsection (e).

15 (e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
16 nate on the day that is five years after the date of the
17 enactment of this Act.

18 (f) HBOT DEFINED.—In this Act, the term
19 “HBOT” means hyperbaric oxygen therapy with a medical
20 device—

21 (1) approved by the Food and Drug Adminis-
22 tration; or

23 (2) issued an investigational device exemption
24 by the Food and Drug Administration.

1 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT ON THE USE OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN**
2 **THERAPY TO TREAT TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-**
3 **JURY AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS-**
4 **ORDER.**

5 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
7 States shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-
8 fairs of the Senate and House of Representatives an up-
9 date to the report titled "Research on Hyperbaric Oxygen
10 Therapy to Treat Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Trau-
11 matic Stress Disorder" (GAO-16-154). Such report shall
12 include the assessment of the Comptroller General of clin-
13 ical trials conducted, since the publication of such re-
14 port—

15 (1) regarding the use of hyperbaric oxygen
16 therapy to treat traumatic brain injury and post-
17 traumatic stress disorder; and

18 (2) by—

19 (A) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

20 (B) the Secretary of Defense; and

21 (C) private entities.