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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Health Oversight for
5 Network Operators Rendering Veterans’ Essential Treat-

1 ment and Services Act of 2025” or the “HONOR VETS
2 Act of 2025”.

3 **SEC. 2. TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR NON-DEPARTMENT**
4 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL PROVIDERS**
5 **WHO PROVIDE CARE OR SERVICES UNDER**
6 **THE VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 Section 1703 of title 38, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (q) as sub-
11 section (r); and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (p) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection (q):

14 “(q) TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR NON-DEPART-
15 MENT PROVIDERS.—(1) The Secretary shall require each
16 covered provider to complete covered training as a condi-
17 tion of providing care or services under this section. Such
18 training shall be required to be completed—

19 “(A) in the case of a covered provider through
20 which the Secretary is furnishing care or services
21 pursuant to this section as of the date of the enact-
22 ment of this subsection, by not later than the date
23 that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of
24 this subsection; and

1 “(B) in the case of a covered provider through
2 which the Secretary first furnishes such care or serv-
3 ices after the date of the enactment of this sub-
4 section, by not later than 180 days after the date on
5 which the provider first furnishes such care or serv-
6 ices.

7 “(2)(A) The Secretary shall establish a mechanism
8 for monitoring whether a covered provider completes the
9 covered training as required under paragraph (1).

10 “(B) The Director of the Office of Veterans Inte-
11 grated Care of the Department shall ensure that informa-
12 tion with respect to whether each covered provider has
13 completed the covered training as required under para-
14 graph (1) is included—

15 “(i) in the Provider Profile Management Sys-
16 tem, or any successor system; and

17 “(ii) on the publicly-accessible provider direc-
18 tory of the Department.

19 “(C)(i) If the Secretary determines that a covered
20 provider has failed to complete the covered training re-
21 quired under paragraph (1) by the applicable deadline, the
22 Secretary shall provide to the provider a written warning
23 and notice of a 60-day period in which to complete the
24 training.

1 “(ii) In the case of a covered provider who receives
2 a warning under clause (i) and who fails to complete the
3 required training during the 60-day period provided under
4 such paragraph, the Secretary shall suspend the provider
5 from furnishing care or services pursuant to this section
6 for a period of 90 days.

7 “(iii) In the case of a covered provider who receives
8 a temporary suspension under clause (ii) and who fails to
9 complete the required training during the 90-day suspen-
10 sion period, the Secretary shall—

11 “(I) remove the provider from eligibility to fur-
12 nish care or services pursuant to this section; and

13 “(II) permanently remove the provider from—

14 “(aa) the Provider Profile Management
15 System, or any successor system; and

16 “(bb) the publicly-accessible provider direc-
17 tory of the Department.

18 “(3) In this subsection:

19 “(A) The term ‘covered provider’ means a non-
20 Department of Veterans Affairs health care provider
21 who provides hospital care, medical services, or ex-
22 tended care services under this section other than a
23 health care provider employed by a department or
24 agency of the Federal Government.

1 “(B) The term ‘covered training’ means the fol-
2 lowing courses provided on VHA TRAIN (or any
3 successor courses):

4 “(i) Opioid safety for Veterans with chron-
5 ic pain.

6 “(ii) Preventing suicide through lethal
7 means safety and safety planning.

8 “(iii) Skills training for evaluation and
9 management of suicide.

10 “(iv) A perspective for Veteran care.”.