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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvement to the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BROWNLEY 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 “Veteran Health Tran-
5 sition Training Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF TAP COUNSELING REGARDING**
2 **HEALTH CARE FURNISHED BY THE SEC-**
3 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by adding at the end
7 the following new subparagraph:

8 “(D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the Sec-
9 retary concerned shall provide a member described in such
10 subparagraph the counseling under subsection (b)(17) be-
11 fore the separation of such member.”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)(17)—

13 (A) by striking “A description” and insert-
14 ing “(A) Counseling”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new
16 subparagraph:

17 “(B) The Secretary concerned shall pre-
18 pare counseling for male members, female mem-
19 bers, LGBTQ+ members, and other categories
20 of members the Secretary concerned determines
21 appropriate. A member may elect which such
22 counseling to receive.”.

23 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO PATHWAYS FOR COUNSELING IN**
24 **THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

25 Section 1142(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
26 is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “Dis-
2 ability” and inserting “Potential or confirmed med-
3 ical discharge of the member”;

4 (2) in subparagraph (F), by striking “Char-
5 acter” and all that follows and inserting “Potential
6 or confirmed involuntary separation of the mem-
7 ber.”;

8 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (M) as sub-
9 paragraph (R); and

10 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(M) Child care requirements of the member
13 (including whether a dependent of the member is en-
14 rolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program).

15 “(N) The employment status of other adults in
16 the household of the member.

17 “(O) The location of the duty station of the
18 member (including whether the member was sepa-
19 rated from family while on duty).

20 “(P) The effects of operating tempo and per-
21 sonnel tempo on the member and the household of
22 the member.

23 “(Q) Whether the member is an Indian or
24 urban Indian, as those terms are defined in section

1 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Pub-
2 lic Law 94-437; 25 U.S.C. 1603).”.