

Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 1133, with Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1133

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. FLORES, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. YOHO, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. JONES, Mr. COLE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HURD, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. OLSON, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. COOK, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MARINO, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. LONG, and Mr. MACARTHUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 Transplant
5 Coverage Act of 2017”.

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

10 Section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Ac-
11 countability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C.
12 1701 note) is amended by adding after subsection (t) the
13 following new subsection:

14 “(u) TRANSPLANT PROCEDURES WITH LIVE DO-
15 NORS AND RELATED SERVICES.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)
17 and (3), in a case in which a veteran is eligible for
18 a transplant procedure from the Department, the
19 Secretary may provide for an operation on a live
20 donor to carry out such procedure for such veteran,
21 notwithstanding that the live donor may not be eligi-
22 ble for health care from the Department.

23 “(2) OTHER SERVICES.—Subject to the avail-
24 ability of appropriations for such purpose, the Sec-
25 retary shall furnish to a live donor any care or serv-

1 ices before and after conducting the transplant pro-
2 cedure under paragraph (1) that may be required in
3 connection with such procedure.

4 “(3) USE OF NON-DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.—
5 In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary may
6 provide for the operation described in paragraph (1)
7 on a live donor and furnish to the live donor the
8 care and services described in paragraph (2) at a
9 non-Department facility pursuant to an agreement
10 entered into by the Secretary under this section. The
11 live donor shall be deemed to be an individual eligi-
12 ble for hospital care and medical services at a non-
13 Department facility pursuant to such an agreement
14 solely for the purposes of receiving such operation,
15 care, and services at the non-Department facility.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes.”.