

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2601
OFFERED BY MR. DUNN OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Increased
3 Choice for Transplanted Organs and Recovery Act of
4 2017” or the “VICTOR Act of 2017”.

**5 SEC. 2. ORGAN TRANSPLANTS UNDER THE VETERANS
6 CHOICE PROGRAM.**

7 Section 101(b)(2) of the Veterans Access, Choice,
8 and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38
9 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking “or”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (D)(ii)(II)(dd), by striking
12 the period and inserting “; or”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 paragraph:

15 “(E)(i) requires an organ or bone marrow
16 transplant; and

17 “(ii)(I) has, in the opinion of the primary
18 health care provider of the veteran, a medically

1 compelling reason to travel outside the region of
2 the Organ Procurement and Transplantation
3 Network, established under section 372 of the
4 National Organ Transplantation Act (Public
5 Law 98–507; 42 U.S.C. 274), in which the vet-
6 eran resides to receive such transplant at a
7 medical facility of the Department; or

8 “(II) faces an unusual or excessive burden
9 in receiving such transplant at a medical facility
10 of the Department, including—

11 “(aa) geographical challenges;

12 “(bb) environmental factors, including
13 roads that are not accessible to the general
14 public, traffic, or hazardous weather;

15 “(cc) a medical condition of the vet-
16 eran that affects the ability to travel; or

17 “(dd) other factors the Secretary de-
18 termines appropriate, including the pref-
19 erence of the veteran to receive such trans-
20 plant at a non-Department facility.”.

21 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
23 on the later of—

24 (1) October 1, 2018; and

1 (2) the date of the enactment of this Act.

