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H. R. 1812

To amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2019

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. LEVIN of California) 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 “Vet Center Eligibility
5 Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF VET CENTER SERVICES.**

7 Section 1712A of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) by striking “clauses (i) through (iv)” both
2 places it appears and inserting “clauses (i) through
3 (vi)”;

4 (2) by striking “in clause (v)” both places it ap-
5 pears and inserting “in clause (vii)”;

6 (3) in subsection (a)(1)(C)—

7 (A) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as
8 clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and

9 (B) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-
10 lowing new clauses:

11 “(iv) Any individual who is a veteran or mem-
12 ber of the Armed Forces, including a member of a
13 reserve component of the Armed Forces, who
14 served—

15 “(I) on active service in response to a na-
16 tional emergency or major disaster declared by
17 the President; or

18 “(II) in the National Guard of a State
19 under orders of the chief executive of that State
20 in response to a disaster or civil disorder in
21 such State.

22 “(v) Any individual who participated in a drug
23 interdiction operation as a member of the Coast
24 Guard, regardless of the location of that operation.”;
25 and

1 (4) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
2 following new paragraphs:

3 “(4) The term ‘active service’ has the meaning
4 given that term in section 101 of title 10.

5 “(5) The term ‘civil disorder’ has the meaning
6 given that term in section 232 of title 18.”.

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