

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1647

To authorize Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to veterans regarding participation in State marijuana programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. AMASH, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MASSIE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. McCOLLUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 Equal Access  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
2 **FAIRS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OF REC-**  
3 **COMMENDATIONS AND OPINIONS REGARDING**  
4 **VETERAN PARTICIPATION IN STATE MARI-**  
5 **JUANA PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
7 sion of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall author-  
8 ize physicians and other health care providers employed  
9 by the Department of Veterans Affairs to—

10 (1) provide recommendations and opinions to  
11 veterans who are residents of States with State  
12 marijuana programs regarding the participation of  
13 veterans in such State marijuana programs; and

14 (2) complete forms reflecting such recommenda-  
15 tions and opinions.

16 (b) **STATE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term  
17 “State” means each of the several States, the District of  
18 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any terri-  
19 tory or possession of the United States, and each federally  
20 recognized Indian Tribe.

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