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H. R. 10038

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program on the provision of naloxone to veterans and their caregivers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2024

Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. TRONE, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. LANGWORTHY) 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. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PILOT**
4 **PROGRAM ON PROVISION OF NALOXONE TO**
5 **VETERANS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
7 shall carry out a two-year pilot program under which the
8 Secretary shall make naloxone available at pharmacies and
9 medical facilities of the Department to any veteran or reg-

1 istered caregiver of a veteran at no charge and without
2 a prescription.

3 (b) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary
4 shall ensure that any veteran or registered caregiver who
5 receives naloxone under the pilot program also receives—

6 (1) information about addiction services, suicide
7 prevention services, mental health services, and
8 other related services provided by the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs; and

10 (2) information about available resources for
11 education on the use and application of naloxone.

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the com-
13 pletion of the pilot program under this section, the Sec-
14 retary shall submit to Congress a report on the pilot pro-
15 gram. Such report shall include each of the following:

16 (1) The number of veterans and registered
17 caregivers who received naloxone under the pilot pro-
18 gram.

19 (2) An assessment of the feasibility of expand-
20 ing the pilot program in order to provide naloxone
21 to immediate family members of veterans.

22 (3) An assessment of the feasibility or expand-
23 ing the pilot program to include non-Department
24 medical providers through which the Secretary fur-
25 nishes hospital care, medical services, and extended

1 care services to veterans under section 1703 of title
2 38, United States Code.

3 (4) An assessment of the effect of a require-
4 ment for a consultation by an appropriate medical
5 provider of the Department when providing naloxone
6 to any veteran or registered caregiver for a second
7 time, including whether such a consultation require-
8 ment would be likely to reduce the number of vet-
9 erans and registered caregivers who request
10 naloxone for a second time.

11 (5) Any budgetary considerations associated
12 with continuing, expanding, or making permanent
13 the pilot program.

14 (6) Any other recommendations of the Sec-
15 retary with respect to modifying or continuing the
16 pilot program.

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