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# H. R. 3277

To improve the leasing projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs,  
and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2019

Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To improve the leasing projects of the Department of  
Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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. HANDBOOK TO IMPROVE LEASING PROJECTS.**

4 (a) UPDATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
5 of the enactment of this Act, and not less than once every  
6 five-year period thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
7 fairs shall update the handbook of the Department of Vet-  
8 erans Affairs titled “Planning and Activating Community  
9 Based Outpatient Clinics”, or a successor handbook, to  
10 reflect current policies, best practices, and clarify the roles

1 and responsibilities of the personnel of the Department in-  
2 volved in the leasing projects of the Department.

3 (b) CBOC.—The Secretary shall ensure that the  
4 handbook specified in subsection (a) defines “community  
5 based outpatient clinic” in the same manner as such term  
6 is defined in the Veterans Health Administration Site  
7 Tracking database (commonly known as “VAST”) as of  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (c) USE OF HANDBOOK STANDARDS FOR OVER-  
10 SIGHT.—The Secretary shall ensure that the Veterans  
11 Health Administration incorporates the best practices con-  
12 tained in the handbook specified in subsection (a) in con-  
13 ducting oversight of the medical centers of the Depart-  
14 ment of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Integrated  
15 Service Network.

16 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF TRAINING REGARDING HANDBOOK**  
17 **TO IMPROVE LEASING PROJECTS.**

18 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide guidance and  
20 training to employees of the Veterans Health Administra-  
21 tion for the use of the handbook specified in section 1(a).  
22 The Secretary shall update such guidance and training to-  
23 gether with each update of such handbook.

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