

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4817

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that certain Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities have physical locations for the disposal of controlled substances medications.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2019

Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. COOK, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CROW, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. PENCE, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BOST, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. MAST, Mr. CASE, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. ALLRED, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. LAMB, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. GOLDEN, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. BACON, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. LURIA, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mrs. MILLER, and Mr. WENSTRUP) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “VA Directly Returning  
3 Opioid Prescriptions Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF**  
5                   **VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITIES TO**  
6                   **HAVE PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE DIS-**  
7                   **POSAL OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES MEDI-**  
8                   **CATIONS.**

9       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
10 shall ensure that each covered Department medical facility  
11 has a physical location where patients may dispose of con-  
12 trolled substances medications.

13       (b) **COVERED DEPARTMENT MEDICAL FACILITY.**—In  
14 this section, the term “covered Department medical facil-  
15 ity” means a medical facility with—

- 16               (1) an on-site pharmacy; or  
17               (2) a law enforcement officer.

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