

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1371

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose to non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers certain medical records of veterans who receive health care from such providers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2017

Mr. O'ROURKE 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 Connect Act of
5 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN MEDICAL**
2 **RECORDS OF VETERANS WHO RECEIVE NON-**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
4 **HEALTH CARE.**

5 Section 7332(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 paragraph:

8 “(H)(i) To a non-Department entity (including
9 private entities and other departments or agencies of
10 the Federal Government) that provides hospital care
11 or medical treatment to veterans.

12 “(ii) An entity to which a record is disclosed
13 under this subparagraph may not redisclose or use
14 such record for a purpose other than that for which
15 the disclosure was made.”.

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