

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1662

To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking in any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2017

Mr. WENSTRUP 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. PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN FACILITIES OF**
4 **THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 1715 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the**
2 **Veterans Health Administration**

3 “(a) PROHIBITION.—(1) No person may smoke in-
4 doors in any facility of the Veterans Health Administra-
5 tion.

6 “(2) No person may smoke outdoors in any facility
7 of the Veterans Health Administration on or after October
8 1, 2022.

9 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘smoke’ includes the smoking of
11 cigarettes (including e-cigarettes or electronic ciga-
12 rettes), cigars, pipes, and any other combustion of
13 tobacco.

14 “(2) The term ‘facility of the Veterans Health
15 Administration’ means any land or building (includ-
16 ing any medical center, nursing home, domiciliary
17 facility, outpatient clinic, or center that provides re-
18 adjustment counseling) that is—

19 “(A) under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
20 ment of Veterans Affairs;

21 “(B) under the control of the Veterans
22 Health Administration; and

23 “(C) not under the control of the General
24 Services Administration.”.

25 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) The table of sections at the beginning of
2 chapter 17 of such title is amended by striking the
3 item relating to section 1715 and inserting the fol-
4 lowing:

“1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the Veterans Health Administra-
tion.”.

5 (2) Section 526 of the Veterans Health Care
6 Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–585) is repealed.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
8 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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