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# S. 115

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mr. HELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Transplant  
5 Coverage Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATIONS ON**  
 2 **LIVE DONORS FOR PURPOSES OF CON-**  
 3 **DUCTING TRANSPLANT PROCEDURES FOR**  
 4 **VETERANS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter VIII of chapter 17 of  
 6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
 7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 1788. Transplant procedures with live donors and**  
 9 **related services**

10 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In a case in which a veteran is  
 11 eligible for a transplant procedure from the Department,  
 12 the Secretary may provide for an operation on a live donor  
 13 to carry out such procedure for such veteran notwith-  
 14 standing that the live donor may not be eligible for health  
 15 care from the Department.

16 “(b) **OTHER SERVICES.**—The Secretary shall furnish  
 17 to a live donor any care or services before and after con-  
 18 ducting the transplant procedure under subsection (a)  
 19 that may be required in connection with such procedure.”.

20 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections  
 21 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended  
 22 by inserting after the item relating to section 1787 the  
 23 following new item:

“1788. Transplant procedures with live donors and related services.”.

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