

## Union Calendar No. 289

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1133

[Report No. 115–393]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. FLORES, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. YOHO, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. JONES, Mr. COLE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HURD, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. OLSON, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. COOK, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MARINO, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. LONG, and Mr. MACARTHUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Additional sponsors: Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. MAST, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. PALMER, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. DUNN, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Mr. MESSER

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 16, 2017]

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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 of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATIONS ON**  
 7 **LIVE DONORS FOR PURPOSES OF CON-**  
 8 **DUCTING TRANSPLANT PROCEDURES FOR**  
 9 **VETERANS.**

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

13 **“§ 1788. Transplant procedures with live donors and**  
 14 **related services**

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

21 *“(b) OTHER SERVICES.—Subject to the availability of*  
 22 *appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary shall furnish*  
 23 *to a live donor any care or services before and after con-*  
 24 *ducting the transplant procedure under subsection (a) that*  
 25 *may be required in connection with such procedure.*

1       “(c) *USE OF DEPARTMENT OR NON-DEPARTMENT FA-*  
2   *CILITIES.—The Secretary may provide for the operation de-*  
3   *scribed in subsection (a) on a live donor and furnish to*  
4   *the live donor the care and services described in subsection*  
5   *(b) at a facility of the Department or at a non-Department*  
6   *facility pursuant to an agreement entered into by the Sec-*  
7   *retary under section 1703 or 8153 of this title, section 101*  
8   *of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of*  
9   *2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note), or any*  
10   *other authority of the Secretary to furnish care at non-De-*  
11   *partment facilities. The live donor shall be deemed to be*  
12   *an individual eligible for hospital care and medical services*  
13   *at a non-Department facility pursuant to such an agree-*  
14   *ment solely for the purposes of receiving such operation,*  
15   *care, and services at the non-Department facility.”.*

16       (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at*  
17   *the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended by in-*  
18   *serting after the item relating to section 1787 the following*  
19   *new item:*

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



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