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H. R. 3108

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the scope of services provided veterans in Vet Centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey 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. SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN VET CEN-**

4 **TERS.**

5 (a) EXPANSION OF SERVICES.—Section 1712A of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by inserting “and, to
8 the extent otherwise authorized by law, may furnish
9 such additional needed services as described in sub-
10 section (h)” in the first sentence after “life”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(h) In operating centers under this section, the Sec-
4 retary may provide (1) preventive health care services, (2)
5 medical services reasonably necessary in preparation for
6 hospital admission, and (3) referral services to assist in
7 obtaining specialized care. The Secretary shall provide
8 such services through such health care personnel as the
9 Secretary determines appropriate.”.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
12 to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
13 House of Representatives a report relating to the imple-
14 mentation of the amendments made by subsection (a). The
15 report shall include the following:

16 (1) The number of veterans provided services
17 described in section 1712A(h) of title 38, United
18 States Code, as added by subsection (a).

19 (2) The number of centers which provided serv-
20 ices described in that section.

21 (3) An assessment of the effect providing such
22 services has had on access to and timeliness of serv-
23 ice delivery.

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