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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make opioid overdose rescue medications available to veterans and their caregivers, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_ (legislative day, \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by \_\_\_\_\_, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

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**A BILL**

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make opioid overdose rescue medications available to veterans and their caregivers, and for other purposes.

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 “End Veterans Over-~~  
5 ~~dose Act of 2026”.~~

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF OPIOID OVERDOSE RESCUE MEDICA-**  
2 **TIONS BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
3 **FAIRS TO VETERANS AND THEIR CARE-**  
4 **GIVERS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
6 shall make covered medications available at pharmacies of  
7 the Department of Veterans Affairs to any covered veteran  
8 or caregiver of a covered veteran at no charge and without  
9 a prescription.

10 (b) **PROVISION OF INFORMATION.**—The Secretary  
11 shall ensure that any veteran or caregiver of a covered  
12 veteran who receives a covered medication under sub-  
13 section (a) also receives drug information on the use of  
14 such medication.

15 (c) **LIMITATION ON USE OF INFORMATION.**—

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—In carrying out this section,  
17 the Secretary may only collect the personally identi-  
18 fiable information needed for prescribing covered  
19 medication, and any personally identifiable informa-  
20 tion collected under this section may be used solely  
21 for the purpose of delivering, evaluating, and en-  
22 hancing the quality of health care.

23 (2) **EXCLUSION.**—The Secretary may not use  
24 any personally identifiable information collected  
25 under this section—

1           (A) for the purpose of preventing a veteran  
2           from employment;

3           (B) as evidence of a history of drug use;  
4           or

5           (C) as evidence that an individual is an un-  
6           lawful user of or addicted to any controlled sub-  
7           stance.

8           (d) REPORT.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years  
10          after the date on which the Secretary first makes  
11          covered medications available to covered veterans  
12          and the caregivers of covered veterans pursuant to  
13          subsection (a), and annually thereafter, the Sec-  
14          retary shall submit to Congress a report on this sec-  
15          tion.

16          (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
17          paragraph (1) shall include each of the following:

18               (A) The number of covered veterans and  
19               caregivers of covered veterans who received cov-  
20               ered medications under this section.

21               (B) An assessment of the feasibility of ex-  
22               panding the authority under this section to pro-  
23               vide covered medications to immediate family  
24               members of covered veterans.

1           (C) An assessment of the feasibility of ex-  
2           panding the authority under this section to in-  
3           clude non-Department health care providers  
4           through which the Secretary furnishes hospital  
5           care, medical services, and extended care serv-  
6           ices to covered veterans under section 1703 of  
7           title 38, United States Code.

8           (D) An assessment of trends in the utiliza-  
9           tion of covered medications provided under this  
10          section.

11          (E) Any other recommendations of the  
12          Secretary with respect to the authority under  
13          this section.

14          (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15           (1) CAREGIVER.—The term “caregiver”  
16          means—

17           (A) a family caregiver of a veteran partici-  
18           pating in the program of comprehensive assist-  
19           ance for family caregivers under subsection (a)  
20           of section 1720G of title 38, United States  
21           Code; or

22           (B) a caregiver of a veteran participating  
23           in the program of general caregiver support  
24           services under subsection (b) of such section.

1           (2) COVERED MEDICATION.—The term “cov-  
2           ered medication” means any opioid overdose rescue  
3           medication, such as naloxone.

4           (3) COVERED VETERAN.—The term “covered  
5           veteran” has the meaning given that term in section  
6           1703(b) of title 38, United States Code.

7   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

8           *This Act may be cited as the “End Veterans Overdose*  
9           *Act of 2026.”*

10 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON PROVISION OF OPIOID RESCUE**  
11 **MEDICATIONS TO VETERANS.**

12           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Commencing not later than 120  
13 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
14 *retary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a one-year pilot*  
15 *program under which the Secretary shall make covered*  
16 *medications available to any veteran at no charge (in this*  
17 *section referred to as the “pilot program”).*

18           (b) *PROVISION OF MEDICATION PRIOR TO CONFIRMA-*  
19 *TION OF STATUS.*—*The Secretary may provide covered*  
20 *medication to an individual under the pilot program prior*  
21 *to confirming the status of the individual as a veteran if*  
22 *the individual provides contact information for the indi-*  
23 *vidual and a written self-attestation of veteran status.*

24           (c) *SITE SELECTION.*—*The Secretary shall prioritize*  
25 *carrying out the pilot program in geographical areas where*

1 *data indicates a disproportionately high risk of overdose*  
2 *among the veteran population.*

3 *(d) LIMITATION ON USE OF INFORMATION.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section,*  
5 *the Secretary may only collect the personally identifi-*  
6 *able information needed for prescribing covered medi-*  
7 *cation under the pilot program, and any personally*  
8 *identifiable information collected under this section*  
9 *may be used solely for the purpose of delivering, eval-*  
10 *uating, and enhancing the quality of health care.*

11 *(2) EXCLUSION.—The Secretary may not use*  
12 *any personally identifiable information collected*  
13 *under this section—*

14 *(A) for the purpose of preventing a veteran*  
15 *from employment;*

16 *(B) as evidence of a history of drug use; or*

17 *(C) as evidence that an individual is an*  
18 *unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled*  
19 *substance.*

20 *(e) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall*  
21 *ensure that any individual who receives covered medication*  
22 *under the pilot program also receives—*

23 *(1) information about addiction services, suicide*  
24 *prevention services, mental health services, and other*

1       *related services provided by the Department of Vet-*  
2       *erans Affairs; and*

3             (2) *information on the use and application of*  
4       *covered medications.*

5       (f) *REPORT.—*

6             (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days before*  
7       *the completion of the pilot program under this sec-*  
8       *tion, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report*  
9       *on the pilot program.*

10            (2) *ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-*  
11       *graph (1) shall include the following:*

12                (A) *The number of veterans who received a*  
13       *covered medication under the pilot program,*  
14       *disaggregated by those enrolled in the system of*  
15       *annual patient enrollment of the Department of*  
16       *Veterans Affairs under section 1705(a) of title*  
17       *38, United States Code, and those not enrolled in*  
18       *such system.*

19                (B) *An assessment of the feasibility of ex-*  
20       *panding the pilot program to provide covered*  
21       *medications to immediate family members of vet-*  
22       *erans.*

23                (C) *Any considerations associated with con-*  
24       *tinuing, expanding, or making permanent the*  
25       *pilot program.*

1                   (D) *Any other recommendations of the Sec-*  
2                   *retary with respect to modifying or continuing*  
3                   *the pilot program.*

4           (g) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

5                   (1) *COVERED MEDICATION.—The term “covered*  
6                   *medication” means any opioid overdose rescue medi-*  
7                   *cation, such as naloxone.*

8                   (2) *VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the*  
9                   *meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38,*  
10                   *United States Code.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide opioid rescue medications to veterans, and for other purposes.”.