

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 307

To ensure that Members of Congress and Congressional staff receive health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs instead of under the Federal Health Benefits Program or health care exchanges.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2017

Mr. DAVIDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Lead by Example Act
5 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. HEALTH CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO MEMBERS OF CON-**
3 **GRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF.**

4 (a) HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.—Notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, beginning January 3, 2019, the
6 only health care plan that the Federal Government may
7 make available to Members of Congress and Congressional
8 staff with respect to their service as a Member of Congress
9 or Congressional staff shall be health care provided
10 through the Department of Veterans Affairs, including at
11 facilities of the Department and non-Department facilities
12 pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code,
13 the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of
14 2014 (Public Law 113–146), and any other provision of
15 law authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to fur-
16 nish such care to veterans, as if such Members and staff
17 were veterans.

18 (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than Sep-
19 tember 15, 2017, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and
20 the Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall
21 jointly submit to Congress a plan to carry out subsection
22 (a), including recommendations for any legislative actions
23 the Secretary and the Director determine necessary to
24 carry out such subsection.

25 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “Congressional staff” means the
2 employees described in section 2107(1) of title 5,
3 United States Code.

4 (2) The term “Member of Congress” means a
5 member of the Senate or the House of Representa-
6 tives, a Delegate to the House of Representatives,
7 and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico.

8 (3) The term “non-Department facility” has
9 the meaning given that term in section 1701 of title
10 38, United States Code.

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