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H. R. 5477

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2019

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON DENIAL OF DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS HOME LOANS FOR VET-**
3 **ERANS WHO LEGALLY WORK IN THE MARI-**
4 **JUANA INDUSTRY.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—In the case of a person with doc-
6 umented income that is derived, in whole or in part, from
7 working in the marijuana industry in compliance with the
8 law of the State in which the work takes place, the Sec-
9 retary of Veterans Affairs may not use the fact that such
10 documented income is derived, in whole or in part, from
11 working in the marijuana industry as a factor in deter-
12 mining whether to guarantee, issue, or make a housing
13 loan under chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code.

14 (b) TREATMENT OF CONDUCT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The conduct described in
16 paragraph (2) shall—

17 (A) not be construed to violate section 401
18 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.
19 841) or any other provision of law; and

20 (B) not constitute the basis for forfeiture
21 of property under section 511 of the Controlled
22 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 881) or section 981
23 of title 18, United States Code.

24 (2) CONDUCT DESCRIBED.—The conduct de-
25 scribed in this paragraph is the following:

1 (A) The receipt by the Department of Vet-
2 erans Affairs of documented income described
3 in subsection (a).

4 (B) The guaranteeing, insuring, or making
5 by the Department of a housing loan described
6 in subsection (a) for a person described in such
7 subsection.

8 (C) The conduct of a person described in
9 subsection (a) relating solely to the application
10 for or obtaining of a housing loan described in
11 such subsection.

12 (c) PROCEEDS.—The proceeds from any transaction
13 in compliance with this Act received by the Department
14 of Veterans Affairs shall not be deemed to be the proceeds
15 of an unlawful transaction under section 1956 or 1957
16 of title 18, United States Code, or any other provision of
17 law.

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