

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5648

To direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to furnish stellate ganglion block to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2020

Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, and Mr. CRENSHAW) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Treatment and Relief
5 through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act”
6 or the “TREAT PTSD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
2 **OF STELLATE GANGLION BLOCK TO VET-**
3 **ERANS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS-**
4 **ORDER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall furnish stellate ganglion block to any veteran who—

7 (1) is enrolled in the patient enrollment system
8 of the Department of Veterans Affairs under section
9 1705 of title 38, United States Code;

10 (2) has been diagnosed with post-traumatic
11 stress disorder; and

12 (3) has elected to receive stellate ganglion block
13 after being informed by a physician of the risks and
14 benefits of stellate ganglion block.

15 (b) PROVISION OF CARE.—The Secretary may fur-
16 nish stellate ganglion block under subsection (a) through
17 a medical facility of the Department or through a health
18 care provider described in section 1703 of title 38, United
19 States Code, as amended by section 101(a) of the Caring
20 for Our Veterans Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182).

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