

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2521

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2022

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of furnishing doula services to certain veterans, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Delivering Optimally
3 Urgent Labor Access for Veterans Affairs Act of 2022”
4 or the “DOULA for VA Act of 2022”.

5 **SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY STUDY ON DOULA**
6 **SUPPORT FOR VETERANS.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
8 carry out a study on the feasibility and advisability of fur-
9 nishing doula services to covered veterans. Such study
10 shall include an analysis of—

11 (1) measures taken by other Federal, State,
12 and local entities to ensure the appropriate certifi-
13 cation of doulas; and

14 (2) the extent to which such measures, or simi-
15 lar measures, may be adequate for purposes of such
16 furnishment.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
19 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the House
20 of Representatives and the Senate a report on the findings
21 of the study under subsection (a) that shall include a de-
22 termination by the Secretary as to whether furnishing
23 doula services to covered veterans is feasible and advisable.

24 (c) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
25 the term “covered veteran” means a pregnant veteran or
26 a formerly pregnant veteran (with respect to doula services

- 1 to be furnished post-partum) who is enrolled in the patient
- 2 enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- 3 under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.

Passed the House of Representatives December 1,
2022.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.