

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5738

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19 (legislative day, MAY 17), 2022

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

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require a lactation space in each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 “Lactation Spaces for
3 Veteran Moms Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LACTATION SPACES IN MEDICAL CENTERS OF THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 17 of
7 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

9 **“§ 1720K. Lactation spaces in medical centers of the**
10 **Department**

11 “(a) LACTATION SPACE REQUIRED.—The Secretary
12 shall ensure that each medical center of the Department
13 contains a lactation space.

14 “(b) NO UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY.—Nothing in this
15 section shall be construed to authorize an individual to
16 enter a medical center of the Department or portion there-
17 of that the individual is not otherwise authorized to enter.

18 “(c) LACTATION SPACE DEFINED.—In this section,
19 the term ‘lactation space’ means a hygienic place, other
20 than a bathroom, that—

21 “(1) is shielded from view;

22 “(2) is free from intrusion;

23 “(3) is accessible to disabled individuals (in-
24 cluding such individuals who use wheelchairs);

25 “(4) contains a chair and a working surface;

26 “(5) is easy to locate;

1 “(6) is clearly identified with signage; and

2 “(7) is available for use by women veterans and
3 members of the public to express breast milk.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
6 after the item related to section 1720J the following new
7 item:

“1720K. Lactation spaces in medical centers of the Department.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall carry out section 1720K of title 38, United
10 States Code, as added by this section, not later than two
11 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 18, 2022.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.