

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 778

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 **“§ 1720M. 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 1720L the following new
7 item:

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

8 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall ensure that—

10 (1) not later than two years after the date of
11 the enactment of this Act, not fewer than 80 percent
12 of medical centers of the Department of Veterans
13 Affairs are in compliance with section 1720M of title
14 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a);
15 and

16 (2) not later than three years after such date
17 of enactment, all medical centers of the Department
18 are in compliance with such section.

19 (d) REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
22 nually thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
23 shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
24 of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Af-
25 fairs of the House of Representatives a report on the

1 progress of the Secretary in meeting the require-
2 ments under section 1720M of title 38, United
3 States Code, as added by subsection (a), including—

4 (A) a list of which medical centers of the
5 Department of Veterans Affairs currently have
6 a lactation space;

7 (B) a list of which medical centers of the
8 Department do not have a lactation space; and

9 (C) for each medical center listed under
10 subparagraph (B), a description of actions the
11 Department has taken to design and plan a lac-
12 tation space and a timeline for such lactation
13 space to be fully functional and open for use
14 within the time periods specified under sub-
15 section (c).

16 (2) TERMINATION.—The Secretary is not re-
17 quired to submit a report under paragraph (1) on or
18 after the date on which the Secretary confirms in a

1 report submitted under such paragraph that each
2 medical center of the Department contains a lacta-
3 tion space.

Passed the Senate November 9, 2025.

Attest:

Secretary.

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