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# H. R. 1662

To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking in any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2017

Mr. WENSTRUP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN FACILITIES OF**  
4 **THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 1715 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the**  
2 **Veterans Health Administration**

3 “(a) PROHIBITION.—(1) No person may smoke in-  
4 doors in any facility of the Veterans Health Administra-  
5 tion.

6 “(2) No person may smoke outdoors in any facility  
7 of the Veterans Health Administration on or after October  
8 1, 2022.

9 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘smoke’ includes the smoking of  
11 cigarettes (including e-cigarettes or electronic ciga-  
12 rettes), cigars, pipes, and any other combustion of  
13 tobacco.

14 “(2) The term ‘facility of the Veterans Health  
15 Administration’ means any land or building (includ-  
16 ing any medical center, nursing home, domiciliary  
17 facility, outpatient clinic, or center that provides re-  
18 adjustment counseling) that is—

19 “(A) under the jurisdiction of the Depart-  
20 ment of Veterans Affairs;

21 “(B) under the control of the Veterans  
22 Health Administration; and

23 “(C) not under the control of the General  
24 Services Administration.”.

25 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1           (1) The table of sections at the beginning of  
2           chapter 17 of such title is amended by striking the  
3           item relating to section 1715 and inserting the fol-  
4           lowing:

          “1715. Prohibition on smoking in facilities of the Veterans Health Administra-  
          tion.”.

5           (2) Section 526 of the Veterans Health Care  
6           Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–585) is repealed.

7           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
8           90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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