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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. IMPROVED ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CARE FOR WOMEN**
5 **VETERANS.**

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:

1 **“§ 1720J. Medical services for women veterans**

2 “(a) ACCESS TO CARE.—The Secretary shall ensure
3 that gender specific services are continuously available at
4 every medical center and community based outpatient clin-
5 ic of the Department.

6 “(b) STUDY ON EXTENDED HOURS OF CARE.—The
7 Secretary shall conduct a study to assess—

8 “(1) the use of extended hours as a means of
9 reducing barriers to care;

10 “(2) the need for extended hours based on
11 interviews with women veterans and employees; and

12 “(3) the best practices and resources required
13 to implement use of extended hours.

14 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
15 than September 30 of each year, the Secretary shall sub-
16 mit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate
17 and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of
18 Representatives a report on compliance with subsection
19 (a).”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
22 after the item relating to section 1720I the following new
23 item:

“1720J. Medical services for women veterans.”.