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SENATE BILL NO. 636

Offered January 17, 2022

A BILL to allow the Department of Veterans Services to contract with any hospital in the Commonwealth that furnishes the treatment option of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy to any veteran who has been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as having post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.

Patrons-Cosgrove, DeSteph and Dunnavant; Delegate: Jenkins

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

12 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

13 **1.** § 1. That the Department of Veterans Services may contract with any hospital in the Commonwealth that furnishes the treatment option of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy 14 to any veteran in the Commonwealth who has been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 15 or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as having post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic 16 brain injury. The Department of Veterans Services shall include in any contract with such hospital to 17 provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy the requirement that data be collected to assess the efficacy of 18 hyperbaric oxygen therapy for such veterans and any other information deemed relevant by the 19 20 Department of Veterans Services.

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