

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6047, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. MURPHY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Add at the end the following new sections:

1 **SEC. 6. PILOT PROGRAM TO FURNISH HYPERBARIC OXY-**  
2 **GEN THERAPY TO A VETERAN WITH TRAU-**  
3 **MATIC BRAIN INJURY OR POST-TRAUMATIC**  
4 **STRESS DISORDER.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs shall implement a pilot program to furnish HBOT  
7 to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-  
8 traumatic stress disorder through a health care provider  
9 described in section 1703(c)(5) of title 38, United States  
10 Code.

11 (b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall select two Vet-  
12 erans Integrated Service Networks in which to operate the  
13 pilot program.

14 (c) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary  
15 shall ensure that any medical facility at which a veteran  
16 who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress  
17 disorder receives HBOT pursuant to the pilot program is  
18 accredited by—

19 (1) the Joint Commission on Accreditation of  
20 Hospital Organizations;

1           (2) the Undersea and Hyberbaric Medical Soci-  
2       ety; or

3           (3) another appropriate organization that has  
4       expertise and objectivity comparable to that of the  
5       Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Or-  
6       ganizations or the Undersea and Hyberbaric Medical  
7       Society.

8       (d) FUNDING.—

9           (1) There is in the general fund of the Treasury  
10       a fund to be known as the “VA HBOT Fund” (in  
11       this Act referred to as the “Fund”).

12           (2) The sole source of monies for the Fund  
13       shall be donations received by the Secretary for ex-  
14       press purposes of the Fund.

15           (3) Amounts in the Fund shall be available to  
16       the Secretary without fiscal year limitation to pay  
17       for HBOT under subsection (a).

18           (4) The Fund shall terminate on the termi-  
19       nation date under subsection (e).

20       (e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-  
21       nate on the day that is three years after the date of the  
22       enactment of this Act.

23       (f) HBOT DEFINED.—In this Act, the term  
24       “HBOT” means hyperbaric oxygen therapy with a medical  
25       device—

1 (1) approved by the Food and Drug Adminis-  
2 tration; or

3 (2) issued an investigational device exemption  
4 by the Food and Drug Administration.

5 **SEC. 7. GAO REPORT ON THE USE OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN**  
6 **THERAPY TO TREAT TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-**  
7 **JURY AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS-**  
8 **ORDER.**

9 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
11 States shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-  
12 fairs of the Senate and House of Representatives an up-  
13 date to the report titled "Research on Hyperbaric Oxygen  
14 Therapy to Treat Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Trau-  
15 matic Stress Disorder" (GAO-16-154). Such report shall  
16 include the assessment of the Comptroller General of clin-  
17 ical trials conducted, since the publication of such re-  
18 port—

19 (1) regarding the use of hyperbaric oxygen  
20 therapy to treat traumatic brain injury and post-  
21 traumatic stress disorder; and

22 (2) by—

23 (A) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

24 (B) the Secretary of Defense; and

25 (C) private entities.

1 **SEC. 8. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**  
2 **PENSION.**

3 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,  
4 is amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and insert-  
5 ing “October 30, 2034”.

