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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study the feasibility of establishing a pilot program to assign certain officers of the Armed Forces to serve as directors of medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PILOT PROGRAM FOR**  
2 **CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
3 **TO SERVE AS DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENT**  
4 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense and the Sec-  
6 retary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly conduct a study  
7 to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot program  
8 under which the Secretaries assign officers of the Armed  
9 Forces in the grade of O–6 to serve as directors of medical  
10 centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a period  
11 of three years.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date  
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and  
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to  
15 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
16 resentatives and the Senate and the Committees on Vet-  
17 erans Affairs of the House of Representatives and the  
18 Senate a report containing—

- 19 (1) the results of the study under subsection  
20 (a);  
21 (2) a recommendation as to whether the pilot  
22 program should be established; and  
23 (3) if the establishment of the pilot program is  
24 recommended, a plan for such establishment.