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# H. R. 2808

To require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2003

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MAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## **A BILL**

To require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF A DEPARTMENT**  
4                   **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CAPITAL ASSET RE-**  
5                   **ALIGNMENT INITIATIVE.**

6       (a) REQUIREMENT FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION.—  
7 Before taking any action proposed under the Capital Asset  
8 Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the De-  
9 partment of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Veterans  
10 Affairs shall submit to Congress a written notification of  
11 the intent to take such action.

12       (b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
13 may not take any proposed action described in subsection  
14 (a) until the later of—

15               (1) the expiration of the 60-day period begin-  
16               ning on the date on which the Secretary submits to

1 Congress the notification of the proposed action re-  
2 quired under subsection (a); or

3 (2) the expiration of a period of 30 days of con-  
4 tinuous session of Congress beginning on such date  
5 of notification or, if either House of Congress is not  
6 in session on such date, the first day after such date  
7 that both Houses of Congress are in session.

8 (c) CONTINUOUS SESSION OF CONGRESS.—For the  
9 purposes of subsection (b)—

10 (1) the continuity of session of Congress is bro-  
11 ken only by an adjournment of Congress sine die;  
12 and

13 (2) the days on which either House is not in  
14 session because of an adjournment of more than  
15 three days to a day certain are excluded in the com-  
16 putation of any period of time in which Congress is  
17 in continuous session.

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