

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2487

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Female Veteran Sui-
5 cide Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN VETERANS**
2 **IN EVALUATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND**
4 **SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

5 Section 1709B(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the
8 semicolon the following: “, including metrics applica-
9 ble specifically to women”;

10 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (3) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 paragraph:

16 “(F) identify the mental health care and suicide
17 prevention programs conducted by the Secretary
18 that are most effective for women veterans and such
19 programs with the highest satisfaction rates among
20 women veterans.”.

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