

Union Calendar No. 282

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3122

[Report No. 115–385]

To protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. MOULTON, and Mr. RENACCI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Additional sponsors: Ms. SHEA-PORTER and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico

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Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 29, 2017]

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 “Veterans Care Financial*
 5 *Protection Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NOTICE OF DIS-**
 7 **HONEST, PREDATORY, OR OTHERWISE UN-**
 8 **LAWFUL PRACTICES TARGETING INDIVID-**
 9 **UALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INCREASED**
 10 **PENSION ON BASIS OF NEED FOR REGULAR**
 11 **AID AND ATTENDANCE.**

12 *(a) NOTICE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans*
 13 *Affairs shall include on the internet website of the Depart-*
 14 *ment of Veterans Affairs a warning to veterans relating to*
 15 *dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices tar-*
 16 *geting individuals who are eligible for increased pension*
 17 *under chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code, on the*
 18 *basis of need for regular aid and attendance.*

19 *(b) GAO STUDY.—*

20 *(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 18*
 21 *months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*
 22 *Comptroller General of the United States shall com-*
 23 *plete a study on financial exploitation of veterans.*
 24 *Such study shall include—*

1 (A) *an analysis of the types of standards*
 2 *used by Federal and State agencies intended to*
 3 *protect vulnerable populations from financial ex-*
 4 *ploitation; and*

5 (B) *an analysis of the types of financial ex-*
 6 *ploitation facing veterans who are eligible for in-*
 7 *creased pension under chapter 15 of title 38,*
 8 *United States Code, on the basis of need for reg-*
 9 *ular aid and attendance and any gaps in efforts*
 10 *to address these issues.*

11 (2) *REPORTS.—*

12 (A) *PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later than*
 13 *one year after the date of the enactment of this*
 14 *Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to*
 15 *Congress a preliminary report on the study re-*
 16 *quired under paragraph (1).*

17 (B) *FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 18*
 18 *months after the date of the enactment of this*
 19 *Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to*
 20 *Congress a final report on such study.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a warning regarding dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices targeting individuals who are eligible for increased pension on the basis of need for regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.”.

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