

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6996

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. TIPTON, and Mr. RENACCI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Right to Ex-  
5       pediency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DELIVERY OF NOTICE OF DENIAL OF BENEFITS**  
2 **UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE SEC-**  
3 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BY CER-**  
4 **TIFIED MAIL.**

5 Section 5104(b) of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 section:

8 “(c) In any case where the Secretary denies a benefit  
9 sought, the notice required by subsection (a) shall be deliv-  
10 ered by certified mail.”.

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