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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2017

Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. RUBIO) 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 “Veterans Care Finan-
5 cial Protection Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR IN-**
2 **CREASED PENSION UNDER LAWS ADMINIS-**
3 **TERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS ON BASIS OF NEED FOR REGULAR AID**
5 **AND ATTENDANCE.**

6 (a) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
7 STANDARDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall work with the heads of Federal agen-
10 cies, States, and such experts as the Secretary con-
11 siders appropriate to develop and implement Federal
12 and State standards that protect individuals from
13 dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices
14 relating to increased pension available to such indi-
15 viduals under chapter 15 of title 38, United States
16 Code, on the basis of need for regular aid and at-
17 tendance.

18 (2) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
19 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Vet-
21 erans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on
22 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives
23 the standards developed under paragraph (1).

24 (b) CONDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION BY COMP-
25 TROLLER GENERAL.—If the Secretary does not, on or be-
26 fore the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act, submit to the Committee on Veterans'
2 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Af-
3 fairs of the House of Representatives standards that are
4 developed under subsection (a)(1), the Comptroller Gen-
5 eral of the United States shall, not later than the date
6 that is one year after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act, submit to such committees a report containing stand-
8 ards that the Comptroller General determines are stand-
9 ards that would be effective in protecting individuals as
10 described in such subsection.

11 (c) STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later
12 than 540 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
13 the Comptroller General of the United States shall com-
14 plete a study on standards implemented under this section
15 to protect individuals as described in subsection (a)(1) and
16 submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
17 ate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House
18 of Representatives a report containing the findings of the
19 Comptroller General with respect to such study.

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