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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1199

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 16, 2019

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study regarding the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “VA Website Accessi-
3 bility Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF**
5 **WEBSITES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
6 **ERANS AFFAIRS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-**
7 **ABILITIES.**

8 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
10 Affairs shall examine all websites (including attached files
11 and web-based applications) of the Department of Vet-
12 erans Affairs to determine whether such websites are ac-
13 cessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance with
14 section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.
15 794d).

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after com-
17 pleting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
18 submit a report to Congress regarding such study. The
19 report shall include the following:

20 (1) A list of each website, file, or web-based ap-
21 plication described in subsection (a) that is not ac-
22 cessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance
23 with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
24 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

25 (2) For each website, file, or web-based applica-
26 tion identified under paragraph (1), a description of

1 the barriers to bringing such website, file, or web-
2 based application into compliance with the require-
3 ments of such section, including barriers relating to
4 staffing.

5 (3) The plan of the Secretary to bring each
6 website, file, or web-based application identified in
7 the list under paragraph (1) into compliance with
8 the requirements of section 508 of the Rehabilitation
9 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

10 (c) DEFINITION OF WEBSITE.—In this section, the
11 term “website” includes a kiosk at a Department of Vet-
12 erans Affairs medical facility, the use of which is required
13 to check in for scheduled appointments.

Passed the House of Representatives October 15,
2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.