

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2554

To improve the ability of separating or retiring members of the Armed Forces to seek services provided by county veterans service officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2019

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. GALLAGHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Know Your Vets Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION REGARDING COUNTY VETERANS**
6 **SERVICE OFFICERS.**

7 (a) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary of
8 Defense shall ensure that a member of the Armed Forces
9 who is separating or retiring from the Armed Forces may

1 elect to have the Department of Defense form DD–214
2 of the member transmitted to the appropriate county vet-
3 erans service officer based on the mailing address provided
4 by the member.

5 (b) DATABASE.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordi-
6 nation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall main-
7 tain a database of all county veterans service officers.

8 (c) COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER DE-
9 FINED.—In this section, the term “county veterans service
10 officer” means an employee of a county government, local
11 government, or Tribal government who is covered by sec-
12 tion 14.629(a)(2) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

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