

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2943

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs in English, Spanish, and Tagalog.

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 “Providing Benefits In-
3 formation in Spanish and Tagalog for Veterans and Fami-
4 lies Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FACT SHEETS.**

6 (a) LANGUAGES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
7 shall make versions of all fact sheets of the Department
8 of Veterans Affairs in English, Spanish, and Tagalog.

9 (b) WEBSITE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
10 shall establish and maintain a publicly available website
11 of the Department of Veterans Affairs that contains links
12 to all fact sheets of the Veterans Benefits Administration,
13 Veterans Health Administration, and of the National
14 Cemetery Administration. The website shall be accessible
15 by a clearly labeled hyperlink on the homepage of the De-
16 partment.

17 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
19 Affairs shall submit a report to Congress regarding fact
20 sheets described in subsection (a) and details of the Lan-
21 guage Access Plan of the Department of Veteran Affairs.
22 The report shall include the following:

23 (1) What the Secretary determines constitutes
24 a fact sheet of the Department for purposes of this
25 Act.

1 (2) How such fact sheets are utilized and dis-
2 tributed other than on and through the website of
3 the Department.

4 (3) How such Language Access Plan is commu-
5 nicated to veterans, family members of veterans, and
6 caregivers.

7 (4) The roles and responsibilities of patient ad-
8 vocates in the coordination of care for veterans with
9 limited English proficiency, family members of such
10 veterans, and caregivers.

11 (5) Other demographic information that the
12 Secretary determines appropriate regarding veterans
13 with limited English proficiency.

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2019.

Attest:

Clerk.

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