

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3010

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 “Honoring All Veterans
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MISSION STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) REQUIRED MISSION STATEMENT.—Section 301
7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
8 the end the following new subsection:

9 “(d) The mission statement of the Department shall
10 be as follows: ‘To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise to
11 care for those “who shall have borne the battle” and for
12 their families, caregivers, and survivors.’”.

13 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
15 erans Affairs shall—

16 (1) publish in the Federal Register and on the
17 internet website of the Department of Veterans Af-
18 fairs a notification explaining the mission statement
19 of the Department as specified in subsection (d) of
20 section 301 of title 38, United States Code, as added
21 by subsection (a) of this section; and

22 (2) update each internet website of the Depart-
23 ment of Veterans Affairs and other electronic ref-
24 erences that use a previous mission statement.

25 (c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after the
26 date of the enactment of the this Act, the Secretary shall

1 develop and issue guidance to all elements of the Depart-
2 ment regarding the mission statement of the Department
3 as specified in subsection (d) of section 301 of title 38,
4 United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this
5 section. The guidance shall include the following:

6 (1) A notification explaining the mission state-
7 ment.

8 (2) Instructions and a timeline for updating all
9 previous mission statement references at each such
10 element.

11 (3) A method to monitor and evaluate the com-
12 pliance by facilities of the Department with the
13 guidance, including a reporting mechanism for such
14 facilities to report back to the Secretary on the
15 progress made in updating all non-electronic mission
16 statement references.

17 (4) Any other information that the Secretary
18 determines necessary to ensure timely compliance
19 with the guidance.

20 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
22 to Congress a report containing a review and assessment
23 of the progress of each element of the Department in com-
24 plying with the guidance under subsection (c), including—

1 (1) any reasons explaining why an element of
2 the Department has failed to implement the guid-
3 ance; and

4 (2) a plan to address any such failure to imple-
5 ment the guidance and ensure that each element of
6 the Department fully implements and complies with
7 the guidance.

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2020.

Attest:

Clerk.

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