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H. R. 1845

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2025

Mr. VAN ORDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “TAP Promotion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: PRESEN-**
2 **TATION IN PRESEPARATION COUNSELING TO**
3 **PROMOTE BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO VET-**
4 **ERANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1142(b) of title 10,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new paragraph:

8 “(20) A presentation that promotes the benefits
9 available to veterans under the laws administered by
10 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Such presen-
11 tation—

12 “(A) shall be standardized;

13 “(B) shall, before implementation, be re-
14 viewed and approved by the Secretary of Vet-
15 erans Affairs in collaboration with veterans
16 service organizations that provide claims assist-
17 ance under the benefits delivery at discharge
18 program of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

19 “(C) shall be submitted by the Secretary of
20 Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Vet-
21 erans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of
22 Representatives for review at least 90 days be-
23 fore implementation;

24 “(D) where available, shall be presented
25 with the participation of—

1 “(i) a representative of a veterans
2 service organization recognized under sec-
3 tion 5902 of title 38; or

4 “(ii) an individual—

5 “(I) recognized under section
6 5903 of such title; and

7 “(II) authorized by the Secretary
8 concerned to so participate;

9 “(E) shall include information on how a
10 veterans service organization may assist the
11 member in filing a claim described in paragraph
12 (19);

13 “(F) may not encourage the member to
14 join a particular veterans service organization;
15 and

16 “(G) may not be longer than one hour.”.

17 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than once
18 each year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
19 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit, to the Commit-
20 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Rep-
21 resentatives, and to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs
22 of the Senate and House of Representatives, a report
23 that—

24 (1) identifies each veterans service organization
25 that participated in a presentation under paragraph

1 (20) of section 1142(b) of title 10, United States
2 Code, as added by subsection (a);

3 (2) contains the number of members of the
4 Armed Forces who attended such presentations; and

5 (3) includes any recommendations of the Sec-
6 retary regarding changes to such presentation or to
7 such paragraph.

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