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H. R. 3122

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a warning regarding dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices targeting individuals who are eligible for increased pension on the basis of need for regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

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 “Veterans Care Finan-
5 cial Protection Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NOTICE OF DIS-**
7 **HONEST, PREDATORY, OR OTHERWISE UN-**
8 **LAWFUL PRACTICES TARGETING INDIVID-**
9 **UALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INCREASED**
10 **PENSION ON BASIS OF NEED FOR REGULAR**
11 **AID AND ATTENDANCE.**

12 (a) NOTICE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans
13 Affairs shall include on the internet website of the Depart-
14 ment of Veterans Affairs a warning to veterans relating
15 to dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices
16 targeting individuals who are eligible for increased pension
17 under chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code, on the
18 basis of need for regular aid and attendance.

19 (b) GAO STUDY.—

20 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 18
21 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
22 the Comptroller General of the United States shall
23 complete a study on financial exploitation of vet-
24 erans. Such study shall include—

1 (A) an analysis of the types of standards
2 used by Federal and State agencies intended to
3 protect vulnerable populations from financial
4 exploitation; and

5 (B) an analysis of the types of financial ex-
6 ploitation facing veterans who are eligible for
7 increased pension under chapter 15 of title 38,
8 United States Code, on the basis of need for
9 regular aid and attendance and any gaps in ef-
10 forts to address these issues.

11 (2) REPORTS.—

12 (A) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later
13 than one year after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall sub-
15 mit to Congress a preliminary report on the
16 study required under paragraph (1).

17 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 18
18 months after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to
20 Congress a final report on such study.

Passed the House of Representatives November 6,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.