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H. R. 5944

To direct the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the backlog of disability compensation claims submitted to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Mrs. TORRES of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Administra-
5 tion Backlog Accountability Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT ON BACKLOG OF**
2 **DISABILITY COMPENSATION CLAIMS SUB-**
3 **MITTED TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS.**

5 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the
7 Department of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress
8 a report on the backlog of disability compensation claims.

9 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under sub-
10 section (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) The status of the backlog described in such
12 subsection.

13 (2) How the Secretary is addressing the back-
14 log.

15 (3) How the backlog is affecting the amount of
16 time a claimant is waiting for the Secretary to adju-
17 dicate the claim.

18 (4) Recommendations to improve the backlog.

19 (c) BACKLOG OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION
20 CLAIMS.—The term “backlog of disability compensation
21 claims” means a backlog of disability compensation claims
22 submitted to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs pursuant
23 to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code, pending be-
24 fore the Veterans Benefits Administration or the Board
25 of Veterans’ Appeals.