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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CISCOMANI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, 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 “Establishing the Vet-
5 erans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-
6 tion Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPOR-**
8 **TUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND TRAN-
10 SITION ADMINISTRATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part V of title 38, United
 2 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
 3 following new chapter:

4 **“CHAPTER 80—VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-**
 5 **PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMIN-**
 6 **ISTRATION**

“Sec.

“8001. Organization of Administration.

“8002. Functions of Administration.

“8003. Annual report to Congress.

7 **“§ 8001. Organization of Administration**

8 “(a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND
 9 TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.—There is in the Depart-
 10 ment of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Economic Oppor-
 11 tunity and Transition Administration. The primary func-
 12 tion of the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-
 13 tion Administration is the administration of the programs
 14 of the Department that provide assistance related to eco-
 15 nomic opportunity to veterans and their dependents and
 16 survivors.

17 “(b) UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC OPPOR-
 18 TUNITY AND TRANSITION.—The Veterans Economic Op-
 19 portunity and Transition Administration is under the
 20 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and
 21 Transition, who is directly responsible to the Secretary for
 22 the operations of the Administration.

1 **“§ 8002. Functions of Administration**

2 “The Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition
3 Administration is responsible for the administration of the
4 following programs of the Department:

5 “(1) Vocational rehabilitation and employment
6 programs.

7 “(2) Educational assistance programs.

8 “(3) Veterans’ housing loan and related pro-
9 grams.

10 “(4) The Transition Assistance Program under
11 section 1144 of title 10.

12 “(5) Any other program of the Department
13 that the Secretary determines appropriate.

14 **“§ 8003. Annual report to Congress**

15 “The Secretary shall include in the annual report to
16 the Congress required by section 529 of this title a report
17 on the programs administered by the Under Secretary for
18 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition. Each
19 such report shall include the following with respect to each
20 such program during the fiscal year covered by that re-
21 port:

22 “(1) The number of claims received.

23 “(2) The number of claims decided.

24 “(3) The average processing time for a claim.

25 “(4) The number of successful outcomes (as de-
26 termined by the Secretary).

3 “(6) The amounts expended for information
4 technology.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The tables of chapters at the beginning of title 38, United States Code, and of part V of title 38, United States Code, are each amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter 79 the following new item:

“80. Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration 8001”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Chapter 80 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on October 1, 2027.

(c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—For fiscal years 2028 and 2029, the total number of full-time equivalent employees authorized for the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, as established under chapter 80 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), may not exceed—

20 (1) 31,401 in fiscal year 2028; and

21 (2) 31,401 in fiscal year 2029.

22 SEC. 3. UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-
23 PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION.

24 (a) UNDER SECRETARY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United
2 States Code, is amended by inserting after section
3 306 the following new section:

4 **“§ 306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-**
5 **portunity and Transition**

6 “(a) UNDER SECRETARY.—There is in the Depart-
7 ment an Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-
8 tunity and Transition, who is appointed by the President,
9 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
10 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and
11 Transition shall be appointed without regard to political
12 affiliation or activity and solely on the basis of dem-
13 onstrated ability in—

14 “(1) information technology; and

15 “(2) the administration of programs within the
16 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Ad-
17 ministration or programs of similar content and
18 scope.

19 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Under Secretary for
20 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition is the
21 head of, and is directly responsible to the Secretary for
22 the operations of, the Veterans Economic Opportunity and
23 Transition Administration.

24 “(c) VACANCIES.—(1) Whenever a vacancy in the po-
25 sition of Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-

1 tunity and Transition occurs or is anticipated, the Sec-
2 retary shall establish a commission to recommend individ-
3 uals to the President for appointment to the position.

4 “(2) A commission established under this subsection
5 shall be composed of the following members appointed by
6 the Secretary:

7 “(A) Three persons representing education and
8 training, vocational rehabilitation, employment, real
9 estate, mortgage finance and related industries, and
10 survivor benefits activities affected by the Veterans
11 Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-
12 tion.

13 “(B) Two persons representing veterans served
14 by the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-
15 tion Administration.

16 “(C) Two persons who have experience in the
17 management of private sector benefits programs of
18 similar content and scope to the economic oppor-
19 tunity and transition programs of the Department.

20 “(D) The Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

21 “(E) The chairman of the Veterans’ Advisory
22 Committee on Education formed under section 3692
23 of this title.

24 “(F) One person who has held the position of
25 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity

1 and Transition, if the Secretary determines that it
2 is desirable for such person to be a member of the
3 commission.

4 “(3) A commission established under this subsection
5 shall recommend at least three individuals for appoint-
6 ment to the position of Under Secretary for Veterans Eco-
7 nomic Opportunity and Transition. The commission shall
8 submit all recommendations to the Secretary. The Sec-
9 retary shall forward the recommendations to the President
10 and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate
11 and House of Representatives with any comments the Sec-
12 retary considers appropriate. Thereafter, the President
13 may request the commission to recommend additional in-
14 dividuals for appointment.

15 “(4) The Assistant Secretary or Deputy Assistant
16 Secretary of Veterans Affairs who performs personnel
17 management and labor relations functions shall serve as
18 the executive secretary of a commission established under
19 this subsection.”.

20 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
21 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
22 by inserting after the item relating to section 306
23 the following new item:

“306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition.”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 38, United
25 States Code, is further amended—

1 (1) in section 306(c)(2), by striking subpara-
2 graphs (A) and (E) and redesignating subpara-
3 graphs (B), (C), (D), and (F), as subparagraphs (A)
4 through (D), respectively;

5 (2) in section 317(d)(2), by inserting after
6 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the
7 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
8 and Transition,”;

9 (3) in section 318(d)(2), by inserting after
10 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the
11 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
12 and Transition,”;

13 (4) in section 516(e)(2)(C), by striking “Health
14 and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting
15 “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the
16 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
17 and Transition”;

18 (5) in section 541(a)(2)(B), by striking “Health
19 and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting
20 “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the
21 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
22 and Transition”;

23 (6) in section 542(a)(2)(B)(iii), by striking
24 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and
25 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,

1 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-
2 portunity and Transition”;

3 (7) in section 544(a)(2)(B)(vi), by striking
4 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and
5 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,
6 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-
7 portunity and Transition”;

8 (8) in section 709(c)(2)(A), by inserting after
9 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the
10 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
11 and Transition,”;

12 (9) in section 7701(a), by inserting after “as-
13 sistance” the following: “, other than assistance re-
14 lated to economic opportunity and transition,”; and

15 (10) in section 7703, by striking paragraphs (2)
16 and (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
17 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 306A of title 38,
19 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), and the
20 amendments made by this section, shall take effect on Oc-
21 tober 1, 2027.

22 **SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF SERVICES.**

23 (a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
25 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on

1 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives a report on the progress toward establishing the Vet-
3 erans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-
4 tion, as established under section 8001 of title 38, United
5 States Code, as added by section 2, and the transition of
6 the provision of services to veterans by such Administra-
7 tion.

8 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
9 fairs may not transfer the function of providing any serv-
10 ices to veterans to the Veterans Economic Opportunity
11 and Transition Administration, as established under sec-
12 tion 8001 of title 38, United States Code, as added by
13 section 2, until the Secretary submits to the Committees
14 on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
15 resentatives certification that—

16 (1) the transition of the provision of services to
17 such Administration will not negatively affect the
18 provision of such services to veterans; and

19 (2) such services are ready to be transferred.

20 (c) DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary
21 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of
22 the Senate and House of Representatives the certification
23 required by subsection (b)—

24 (1) no earlier than April 1, 2027; and

25 (2) no later than September 1, 2027.

1 (d) FAILURE TO CERTIFY.—If the Secretary fails to
2 submit the certification required by subsection (b) by the
3 date specified in subsection (c)(2), the Secretary shall sub-
4 mit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate
5 and House of Representatives a report that includes—

6 (1) the reason why the certification was not
7 made by such date; and

8 (2) the estimated date when the certification
9 will be made.

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