

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 9864

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Reducing Military
5 Health Care Wait Times Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Our uniformed service-members, veterans,
4 and their families deserve high-quality, timely health
5 care.

6 (2) The annual TRICARE Program Evaluation
7 Report to Congress required by section 171 of the
8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
9 1996 (10 U.S.C. 1073 note) provides Congress and
10 the public with critical information about the effec-
11 tiveness of our military health care programs and
12 identifies opportunities for improvement.

13 (3) In the Fiscal Year 2024 TRICARE Pro-
14 gram Evaluation Report of the Defense Health
15 Agency, such Agency voluntarily provided helpful in-
16 formation about—

17 (A) the average number of days between
18 the date an individual books an appointment at
19 a military medical treatment facility and the
20 date of such appointment; and

21 (B) the percentage of referrals of an indi-
22 vidual to another health care facility that are
23 made not later than one business day after the
24 date on which such individual contacted the
25 military medical treatment facility.

1 (4) This information is valuable to Congress
2 and the public, and it should be statutorily required
3 as part of the annual TRICARE Program Evalua-
4 tion Report.

5 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION ON A WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT**
6 **OF DEFENSE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION**
7 **WITH RESPECT TO A PATIENT BOOKING AN**
8 **APPOINTMENT AT A MILITARY MEDICAL**
9 **TREATMENT FACILITY.**

10 Section 1073b(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
13 “(A) The Secretary”; and

14 (2) by striking “Such data” and all that follows
15 and inserting the following new subparagraph:

16 “(B) The data made available under subparagraph
17 (A) shall include the following:

18 “(i) The core performance metrics adopted by
19 the Secretary under section 728 of the National De-
20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub-
21 lic Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2234).

22 “(ii) The average number of days between the
23 date an individual books an appointment at a mili-
24 tary medical treatment facility and the date of such
25 appointment.

1 “(iii) The percentage of referrals of an indi-
2 vidual to another health care facility that are made
3 not later than one business day after the date on
4 which such individual contacted the military medical
5 treatment facility.”.

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