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# S. 3042

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 23, 2025

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BANKS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Justice for America’s  
5 Veterans and Survivors Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNUAL RE-**  
2 **PORT ON CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG VET-**  
3 **ERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title  
5 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 534. Annual report on causes of death among vet-**  
8 **erans**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once  
10 each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee  
11 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on  
12 Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives an an-  
13 nual report that contains data and information on causes  
14 of death among veterans.

15 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted pursuant  
16 to subsection (a) shall include—

17 “(1) for each veteran that died during the pe-  
18 riod covered by the report an identification of—

19 “(A) whether such veteran had a service-  
20 connected disability rated as total;

21 “(B) the primary cause of death;

22 “(C) the secondary cause of death, if appli-  
23 cable; and

24 “(D) the manner of death;

25 “(2) for each primary cause of death identified  
26 pursuant to paragraph (1), a statement of the total

1       number of veterans that died from such primary  
2       cause of death during the period covered by the re-  
3       port; and

4               “(3) for each manner of death identified pursu-  
5       ant to paragraph (1), a statement of the total num-  
6       ber of veterans that died in such manner during the  
7       period covered by the report.

8       “(c) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the  
9       date that is five years after the date of the enactment of  
10      the Justice for America’s Veterans and Survivors Act of  
11      2025.”.

12       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13      at the beginning of chapter 5 of such title is amended by  
14      inserting after the item relating to section 533 the fol-  
15      lowing new item:

“534. Annual report on causes of death among veterans.”.

