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Title: Offer to Rent on Month-To-Month Basis and Credit Statement of Prospective Tenant, VA Form 26-6725.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0143.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA may rent properties acquired through guaranteed and direct home loan programs when there is little likelihood, because of market conditions, or an early sale and/or prolonged vacancy may encourage vandalism. VA Form 26-6725 is used to establish the landlord tenant relationship, state the responsibilities of the parties, evidence of tender and acceptance of rental payments, and provide credit information for evaluating the prospective tenant's ability to meet rental payments. Offers to rent may be received and executed by authorized management brokers or VA personnel designated. Without this form, VA would have to prepare individual leases.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary:

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0317]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed from a correspondent to complete a claimant's application.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0317" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44

U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

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Title: Request for Identifying Information Re: Veteran's Loan Records, VA Form Letter 26-626.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0317.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form letter is used to notify a correspondent of additional information needed to complete a claimant's application. The information is needed to determine if a veteran's loan guaranty benefit is involved. Without this form, VA would be unable to obtain the necessary information to associate the correspondence with the veteran's application or loan records.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,400.

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