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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a new Assistant Secretary to perform operations, preparedness, security and law enforcement functions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. EVANS) (both by request) 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 “Department of Veter-
5 ans Affairs Reorganization Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.**

7 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
8 this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amend-

1 ment to a section or other provision, the reference shall
2 be considered to be made to a section or other provision
3 of title 38, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 3. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED ASSIST-
5 ANT SECRETARIES; REVISION OF FUNCTIONS.**

6 Section 308 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “six” and in-
8 serting “seven” in the first sentence; and

9 (2) by inserting at the end of subsection (b) the
10 following new paragraph (11):

11 “(11) Operations, preparedness, security and
12 law enforcement functions.”.

13 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO TITLE 5, UNITED
14 STATES CODE.**

15 Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is
16 amended by striking “Assistant Secretaries, Department
17 of Veterans Affairs (6)” and inserting “Assistant Secre-
18 taries, Department of Veterans Affairs (7)”.

