

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2970

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2006

Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Veterans Identity Pro-
5 tection Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
6 certify in writing to Congress that any individual whose
7 personal information is compromised due to lax data secu-
8 rity precautions at the Department of Veterans Affairs
9 has been appropriately notified in writing of such com-
10 promise.

11 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The certification required by
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any compromise
13 of personal information at the Department of Veterans Af-
14 fairs occurring before or after the date of enactment of
15 this Act, including with respect to the theft of data first
16 publicly reported on May 22, 2006.

17 **SEC. 3. FREE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DATA SECURITY**
18 **BREACHES.**

19 The Secretary shall provide, free of charge, to each
20 individual whose personal information is (or was before
21 the date of enactment of this Act) compromised due to
22 lax data security precautions at the Department of Vet-
23 erans Affairs—

24 (1) credit monitoring services, during the 1-year
25 period beginning on the date of enactment of this
26 Act; and

1 (2) a copy of the credit report (as defined in
2 section 603 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act) of the
3 affected individual once annually during the 2-year
4 period beginning on the date on which the credit
5 monitoring services required by paragraph (1) termi-
6 nate, which shall be in addition to any other credit
7 report provided to the individual under otherwise ap-
8 plicable law, free of charge or otherwise.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
11 retary to carry out this Act, \$1,250,000,000.

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