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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the automated processing of veterans disability compensation claims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMBORN (for himself and Mr. BUYER) 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. AUTOMATED PROCESSING OF DISABILITY COM-
4 PENSATION CLAIMS BY DEPARTMENT OF
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS.

6 (a) AUTOMATED CLAIMS PROCESSING.—Chapter 77
7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
8 the end the following new subchapter:

5 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall develop of
6 a rules-based expert system to automate the adjudication
7 of claims of veterans disability compensation. Such system
8 shall be designed to provide a disability rating rec-
9 ommendation based on the applicable rate of disability
10 compensation under chapter 11 of this title.

11 “(b) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—To carry out the re-
12 quirement of subsection (a), the Secretary may enter into
13 a contract with a private entity with significant experience
14 in developing rules-based expert systems.

15 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than four years
16 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
17 retary shall implement the rules-based expert system de-
18 veloped under subsection (a) at not less than two regional
19 offices of the Department.

20 "(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for
22 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2011.".

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
25 at the end the following new items:

“SUBCHAPTER III—AUTOMATED CLAIMS PROCESSING

“2241. Automated processing of disability compensation claims.”.

