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2D SESSION

S. 2899

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on suicides among veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 2008

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. MURRAY) 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 Suicide Study
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Suicide among the veteran population is a
9 serious problem.

1 (2) There is lack of information on the number
2 of veterans who die by suicide each year.

3 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON SUICIDES AMONG VETERANS.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs shall conduct a study to determine the number of
6 veterans who died by suicide between January 1, 1997,
7 and the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the study under
9 subsection (a) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall co-
10 ordinate with—

11 (1) the Secretary of Defense;

12 (2) Veterans Service Organizations;

13 (3) the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
14 tion; and

15 (4) State public health offices and veterans
16 agencies.

17 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on
20 the study required under subsection (a) and the findings
21 of the Secretary.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
24 necessary to carry out this Act.

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