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S. 2965

To require a report on the inclusion of severe and acute Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among the conditions covered by traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2008

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REPORT ON INCLUSION OF SEVERE AND**
2 **ACUTE POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER**
3 **AMONG CONDITIONS COVERED BY TRAU-**
4 **MATIC INJURY PROTECTION COVERAGE**
5 **UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE IN-**
6 **SURANCE.**

7 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Sec-
10 retary of Defense, submit to the appropriate committees
11 of Congress a report setting forth the assessment of the
12 Secretary of Veterans Affairs as to the feasibility and ad-
13 visability of including severe and acute Post Traumatic
14 Stress Disorder (PTSD) among the conditions covered by
15 traumatic injury protection coverage under
16 Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance under section
17 1980A of title 38, United States Code.

18 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In preparing the assessment
19 required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Veterans Af-
20 fairs shall consider the following:

21 (1) The advisability of providing traumatic in-
22 jury protection coverage under Servicemembers'
23 Group Life Insurance under section 1980A of title
24 38, United States Code, for Post Traumatic Stress
25 Disorder incurred by a member of the Armed Forces
26 as a direct result of military service in a combat

1 zone that renders the member unable to carry out
2 the daily activities of living after the member is dis-
3 charged or released from military service.

4 (2) The unique circumstances of military serv-
5 ice, and the unique experiences of members of the
6 Armed Forces who are deployed to a combat zone.

7 (3) The financial strain incurred by family
8 members of members of the Armed Forces who suf-
9 fer severe and acute from Post Traumatic Stress
10 Disorder.

11 (4) The recovery time, and the difficulty of the
12 recovery process, for recovery from severe and acute
13 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

14 (5) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
15 siders appropriate.

16 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
17 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
18 tees of Congress” means—

19 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
20 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

21 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
22 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of
23 Representatives.

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