

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1872

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2009

Mr. SPACE (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. WALZ, and Mr. NYE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Electronic Mili-
3 tary Separation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SECURE ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATE**
5 **OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE**
6 **DUTY (DD FORM 214).**

7 Section 596 of the National Defense Authorization
8 Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C.
9 1168 note) is amended—

10 (1) by inserting “(a) MODIFICATION RE-
11 QUIRED.—” before “The Secretary of Defense”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(b) SECURE METHOD OF ELECTRONIC DELIV-
15 ERY.—

16 “(1) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.—

17 The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall develop and im-
19 plement a secure electronic method of forwarding
20 the DD Form 214 to the appropriate office specified
21 in subsection (a)(2). The Secretaries shall ensure
22 that the method permits such offices to access the
23 forms electronically using current computer oper-
24 ating systems.

25 “(2) UNIFORM APPLICATION.—The secure elec-
26 tronic method of forwarding DD Forms 214 devel-

1 oped under paragraph (1) shall be implemented uni-
2 formly by each of the military departments.”.

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