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H. R. 1805

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on the automatic processing of claims for compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2013

Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Ms. MENG, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mrs. KIRKPATRICK) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Claims Effi-
5 ciency Through Automation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON AUTOMATIC PROCESSING OF CLAIMS**
2 **FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE LAWS AD-**
3 **MINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 51 of title
6 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
7 the following new section:

8 **“§ 5109C. Annual report on automatic processing of**
9 **claims**

10 “The Secretary shall include in the annual report to
11 Congress required under section 529 of this title a report
12 on the automatic processing of claims for compensation
13 during the year preceding the year during which the report
14 is submitted. Each such report shall include, for the year
15 covered by the report, each of the following:

16 “(1) Each medical condition for which claims
17 relating to such condition were processed in an elec-
18 tronic automated fashion during such year.

19 “(2) The feasibility of processing any additional
20 medical conditions in an electronic automated fash-
21 ion and any barriers to so processing additional
22 medical conditions, including any such barriers relat-
23 ing to the schedule for rating disabilities under sec-
24 tion 1115 of this title.

1 “(3) The number of claims for compensation re-
2 lating to each medical condition submitted during
3 such year.

4 “(4) For each medical condition, the percentage
5 of claims denied and the percentage of claims ap-
6 proved during such year.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
9 at the end of the items relating to such subchapter the
10 following new item:

“5109C. Annual report on automatic processing of claims.”.

