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H. R. 1134

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the submission of information by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida 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 “Access to Timely Infor-
5 mation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY THE**
2 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CON-**
3 **GRESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title
5 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-
6 tion 529 the following new section:

7 **“§ 529A. Submission of certain information by the**
8 **Secretary to Congress**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The submission of information
10 by the Secretary to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
11 of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Vet-
12 erans’ Affairs of the Senate in response to a request for
13 such information made by a covered member of the com-
14 mittee shall be deemed to be—

15 “(1) a covered disclosure under section
16 552a(b)(9) of title 5; and

17 “(2) a permitted disclosure under regulations
18 promulgated under section 264(c) of the Health In-
19 surance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
20 (Public Law 104–191), including a permitted disclo-
21 sure for oversight activities authorized by law as de-
22 scribed in section 164.512(d) of title 45, Code of
23 Federal Regulations.

24 “(b) SUBMISSION TO CHAIRMAN.—With respect to a
25 request for information described in subsection (a) made
26 by a covered member of the committee who is not the

1 chairman, the Secretary shall also submit such informa-
2 tion to the chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Af-
3 fairs of the House of Representatives or the Committee
4 on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, as the case may be.

5 “(c) COVERED MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.—In
6 this section, the term ‘covered member of the committee’
7 means any of the following:

8 “(1) The chairman or ranking member of the
9 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
10 Representatives or the Committee on Veterans' Af-
11 fairs of the Senate.

12 “(2) A chairman or ranking member of a sub-
13 committee of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of
14 the House of Representatives or the Committee on
15 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate.

16 “(3) The designee of a chairman or ranking
17 member described in paragraph (1) or (2).”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
19 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended by in-
20 serting after the item relating to section 529 the following
21 new item:

“529A. Submission of certain information by the Secretary to Congress.”.

