

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8257

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Mr. KILDEE (for himself and Mr. BERGMAN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Transparency for
5 Wounded Warriors Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DENIAL OF CLAIMS FOR TRAUMATIC INJURY PRO-**
2 **TECTION UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP**
3 **LIFE INSURANCE.**

4 Section 1980A of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(1) If a claim for benefits under this section is de-
8 nied, the Secretary concerned shall provide to the member
9 at the same time as the member is informed of such denial
10 a report describing each reason for that denial, including
11 a description of all the information upon which the denial
12 is based and a description of the applicable laws, regula-
13 tions, or policies, with appropriate citations, and an expla-
14 nation of how such laws, regulations, or policies affected
15 the denial. Any reason, information, or explanation that
16 is not so provided may not be used by the Secretary con-
17 cerned as the basis to deny a subsequent review or appeal
18 by the member of a denial of a claim for benefits.”.

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