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S. 746

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2019

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. MORAN) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Website Accessibility Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE ACCESSIBILITY OF WEBSITES OF**
2 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
3 **TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs shall conduct a study of all websites of the Depart-
7 ment of Veterans Affairs to determine whether such
8 websites are accessible to individuals with disabilities in
9 accordance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of
10 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after com-
12 pleting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
13 submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
14 ate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House
15 of Representatives a report on such study.

16 (c) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
17 (b) shall include the following:

18 (1) A list of each website described in sub-
19 section (a) that is not accessible to individuals with
20 disabilities in accordance with section 508 of the Re-
21 habilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

22 (2) For each website identified in the list under
23 paragraph (1)—

24 (A) the plan of the Secretary to bring the
25 website into compliance with the requirements

1 of section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
2 (29 U.S.C. 794d); and

3 (B) a description of the barriers to bring-
4 ing the website into compliance with the re-
5 quirements of such section, including any bar-
6 riers relating to staffing.

7 (d) WEBSITE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
8 “website” includes the following:

9 (1) A file attached to a website.

10 (2) A web-based application.

11 (3) A kiosk at a medical facility of the Depart-
12 ment of Veterans Affairs, the use of which is re-
13 quired to check in for scheduled appointments.

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