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To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to life insurance for veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina 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’ Life Insur-
5 ance Expansion and Integrity Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1922B of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “service-
7 disabled”;

8 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and

9 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
10 through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (5),
11 respectively; and

12 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “the veteran
13 has a service-connected disability” and all that fol-
14 lows through the period at the end of paragraph (2)
15 and inserting the following: “the veteran submits an
16 application for such insurance before the veteran at-
17 tains 81 years of age”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—

19 (1) SECTION HEADING.—Such section is further
20 amended by striking the section heading and insert-
21 ing the following:

22 **“§ 1922B. Veterans life insurance”.**

23 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of chapter 19 of such title is

1 amended by striking the item relating to section
2 1922B and inserting the following new item:

“1922B. Veterans life insurance.”.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs shall complete a study on the veterans life insur-
6 ance program under section 1922B of such title (as
7 amended by this Act) and submit to the Committees on
8 Veterans Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
9 Senate a report that includes, with respect to the period
10 covered by the report—

11 (1) the number of—

12 (A) veterans enrolled in such program;

13 (B) claims filed pursuant to such program;

14 (C) insurance payments made by the Sec-
15 retary to claimants pursuant to such program;

16 (D) the total amount of insurance pay-
17 ments described in subparagraph (C); and

18 (E) contracts or policies for insurance
19 under chapter 19 of such title cancelled or void-
20 ed by the Secretary pursuant to section 1910 of
21 such title (as amended by this Act) due to ad-
22 ministrative error (as defined in such section);

23 (2) an evaluation of—

24 (A) the solvency and financial stability of
25 such program; and

1 (B) the sufficiency of premiums under
2 such program; and

3 (3) a statement of the cost savings to the
4 United States resulting from the cancellation or
5 voiding by the Secretary, pursuant to section 1910
6 of such title (as amended by this Act), of contracts
7 or policies of insurance due to administrative error
8 (as defined in such section).

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall take effect on the date that is one year
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3. CONTESTABILITY OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF**
13 **VETERANS AFFAIRS INSURANCE CONTRACTS**
14 **OR POLICIES ISSUED DUE TO ADMINISTRA-**
15 **TIVE ERROR.**

16 Section 1910 of such title is amended—

17 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
18 “Subject to”;

19 (2) by inserting “and subsection (b),” after
20 “section 1911 of this title”;

21 (3) by inserting “ administrative error,” after
22 “nonpayment of premium,”; and

23 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 sections:

25 “(b) CONTESTS DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR.—

1 “(1) PRIOR NOTICE; OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT
2 EVIDENCE.—With respect to any decision of the Sec-
3 retary pursuant to this section to cancel or void a
4 contract or policy of insurance due to administrative
5 error, the Secretary shall provide the insured—

6 “(A) prior notice of such decision that in-
7 cludes an explanation of the administrative
8 error underlying such cancellation or voiding;
9 and

10 “(B) a period of not less than 90 days to
11 submit to the Secretary evidence that no admin-
12 istrative error occurred with respect to such
13 contract or policy.

14 “(2) EVIDENTIARY REVIEW.—In any case
15 where an insured submits to the Secretary evidence
16 described in paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall
17 determine whether such evidence satisfactorily dem-
18 onstrates that no administrative error occurred with
19 respect to the contract or policy of the insured by
20 not later than 180 days after the date on which the
21 Secretary receives such evidence.

22 “(3) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not,
23 pursuant to this section, cancel or void a contract or
24 policy of insurance due to administrative error after
25 the date that is one year after the date of the

1 issuance, reinstatement, or conversion of such con-
2 tract or policy.

3 “(4) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall
4 apply with respect to any contract or policy for in-
5 surance, regardless of whether such contract became
6 effective before, on, or after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this subsection.

8 “(c) ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR DEFINED.—In this
9 section, the term ‘administrative error’ means a clerical,
10 technical, or processing mistake on the part of the Sec-
11 retary that caused the issuance, reinstatement, or conver-
12 sion of a contract or policy of insurance to an individual
13 ineligible for such contract or policy on the date of such
14 issuance, reinstatement, or conversion.”.

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