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S. 3205

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit Members of Congress to use facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of meeting with constituents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SHEEHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit Members of Congress to use facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of meeting with constituents, and for other purposes.

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 “Improving Veterans
5 Access to Congressional Services Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF FACILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-** 7 **ERANS AFFAIRS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

8 (a) USE OF FACILITIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon request of a Member
2 of Congress and subject to regulations prescribed
3 under subsection (b), the Secretary of Veterans Af-
4 fairs shall permit the Member to use a facility of the
5 Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of
6 meeting with constituents of the Member.

7 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF FACILITIES.—The Sec-
8 retary and the Administrator of General Services
9 shall jointly identify available spaces in facilities of
10 the Department for purposes of paragraph (1).

11 (b) REGULATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 of Veterans Affairs shall prescribe regulations re-
15 garding use of a facility of the Department of Vet-
16 erans Affairs by Members of Congress under sub-
17 section (a).

18 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Regulations prescribed
19 pursuant to paragraph (1)—

20 (A) shall require that a space within a fa-
21 cility of the Department provided to a Member
22 under subsection (a) is—

23 (i) available during normal business
24 hours;

1 (ii) located in an area that is visible
2 and accessible to constituents of the Mem-
3 ber; and

4 (iii) subject to a rate of rent (payable
5 from the Member's Representational Al-
6 lowance or the Senator's Official Personnel
7 and Office Expense Account, as the case
8 may be) that is similar to the rate charged
9 by the Administrator of General Services
10 for office space in the area of the facility;

11 (B) may not prohibit a Member from ad-
12 vertising the use by the Member of a space
13 within a facility of the Department under sub-
14 section (a);

15 (C) shall comply with sections 7321
16 through 7326 of title 5, United States Code
17 (commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act") and
18 section 1.218(a)(14) of title 38, Code of Fed-
19 eral Regulations (or successor regulation), by
20 prohibiting activities including—

21 (i) campaigning in support of or oppo-
22 sition to any political office;

23 (ii) statements or actions that solicit,
24 support, or oppose any change to Federal
25 law or policy;

1 (iii) any activity that interferes with
2 security or normal operation of the facility;

3 (iv) photographing or recording a vet-
4 eran patient at such facility;

5 (v) photographing or recording a pa-
6 tient, visitor to the facility, or employee of
7 the Department without the consent of
8 such individual; and

9 (vi) photography or recording for the
10 purpose of political campaign materials;

11 (D) may not permit a Member of Congress
12 to use such a facility during the 60-day period
13 preceding an election for Federal office in the
14 jurisdiction in which such facility is located;
15 and

16 (E) may not unreasonably restrict use of a
17 facility of the Department by a Member under
18 subsection (a) if—

19 (i) there is space in such facility not
20 in regular use by personnel of the Depart-
21 ment; and

22 (ii) use of such space shall not impede
23 operations of the Department in such facil-
24 ity.

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