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H. R. 1759

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on the timeliness in which the Department of Veterans Affairs receives certain information from other departments or agencies of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2013

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. BARBER, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. COOK) 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. QUARTERLY REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 7735. Quarterly reports to Congress**

2 “(a) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the end
3 of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
4 gress a report on covered requests.

5 “(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—Each report under sub-
6 section (a) shall include—

7 “(1) the number of covered requests made dur-
8 ing the fiscal quarter covered by the report; and

9 “(2) the average response time for such covered
10 requests made during each month of such fiscal
11 quarter, as determined based on the period begin-
12 ning on the date on which the Secretary made the
13 request and ending on the date on which the Sec-
14 retary determines that the request is completed.

15 “(c) COVERED REQUEST DEFINED.—In this section,
16 the term ‘covered request’ means a request by the Sec-
17 retary to the head of another department or agency of the
18 United States for information required by the Secretary
19 in adjudicating a claim for disability compensation under
20 chapter 11 of this title.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
23 after the item relating to section 7734 the following new
24 item:

“7735. Quarterly reports to Congress.”.