

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3176

To direct the Secretary of Defense to modify the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to be machine readable and electronically transferable.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mr. WALTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. MACHINE READABILITY AND ELECTRONIC**  
4 **TRANSFERABILITY OF CERTIFICATE OF RE-**  
5 **LEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY**  
6 **(DD FORM 214).**

7 (a) MODIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of  
8 Defense shall modify the Certificate of Release or Dis-

1 charge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to be machine  
2 readable and electronically transferable.

3 (b) DEADLINE FOR MODIFICATION.—The Secretary  
4 of Defense shall release a revised Certificate of Release  
5 or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), modified  
6 pursuant to subsection (a), not later than two years after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
10 shall submit a report to Congress regarding the following:

11 (1) What systems of the Department of De-  
12 fense require an individual to manually enter infor-  
13 mation from DD Form 214.

14 (2) What activities of the Department of De-  
15 fense require a veteran or former member of the  
16 Armed Forces to provide a physical copy of DD  
17 Form 214.

18 (3) The order of priority for modernizing items  
19 identified under paragraphs (1) and (2) as deter-  
20 mined by the Secretary.

21 (4) The estimated cost, as determined by the  
22 Secretary, to automate items identified under para-  
23 graphs (1) and (2).

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