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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LEE of Nevada 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gambling Addiction  
5 Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLI-**  
2 **CIES AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT AND**  
3 **TREAT GAMBLING DISORDER AMONG MEM-**  
4 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR DE-**  
5 **PENDENTS.**

6 (a) **POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.—**

7 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Defense  
8 shall develop and implement policies and programs  
9 on prevention, education, and treatment of gambling  
10 disorder and integrate gambling disorder into exist-  
11 ing mental health and substance use disorder pro-  
12 grams.

13 (2) **CONSULTATION.—**The Secretary shall de-  
14 velop the policies and programs described in para-  
15 graph (1) in coordination with the Secretary of Vet-  
16 erans Affairs, the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
17 and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

18 (b) **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND PROMOTION OF**  
19 **RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR.—**

20 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**In carrying out policies and  
21 programs developed and implemented under sub-  
22 section (a)(1), if the Secretary hosts or provides  
23 gambling activities at a morale, welfare, and recre-  
24 ation facility of the Department of Defense, the Sec-  
25 retary shall, at that facility—

26 (A) provide—

1 (i) educational materials and a list of  
2 resources to assist and empower members  
3 of the Armed Forces to identify the risks  
4 of gambling; and

5 (ii) a list of resources and informa-  
6 tional material on where such members can  
7 seek help if they develop gambling dis-  
8 order; and

9 (B) implement measures that encourage  
10 responsible behavior consistent with measures  
11 authorized and required by commercial and  
12 tribal gaming regulators in the United States.

13 (2) FUNDING OF MEASURES.—The Secretary  
14 shall fund measures implemented under paragraph  
15 (1)(B) through the use of proceeds generated by  
16 gambling activities at morale, welfare, and recreation  
17 facilities of the Department.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
20 to the congressional defense committees a report on efforts  
21 undertaken under this section.

22 (d) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-  
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense  
24 committees” has the meaning given that term in section  
25 101 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 3. UPDATE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REGULA-**  
2 **TIONS, INSTRUCTIONS, AND OTHER GUID-**  
3 **ANCE TO INCLUDE GAMBLING DISORDER.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
6 fense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military  
7 departments, shall update all regulations, instructions,  
8 and other guidance of the Department of Defense and the  
9 military departments with respect to behavioral health to  
10 explicitly include gambling disorder.

11 (b) **MILITARY DEPARTMENTS DEFINED.**—In this  
12 section, the term “military departments” has the meaning  
13 given that term in section 101(8) of title 10, United States  
14 Code.

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