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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2009

Mr. SESTAK 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 “Transparency for
5 America’s Heroes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RELEASE OF MEDICAL QUALITY-ASSURANCE**
7 **RECORDS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) DISCLOSURE.—Subsection (a) of section
2 5705 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
3 striking “except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section” and inserting “if such record or document
5 contains identifying information described in para-
6 graph (2) of subsection (b)”.

7 (2) INTERNET DATABASE.—Paragraph (3) of
8 section 5705(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 “(3) In addition to a disclosure made under para-
11 graph (1), and subject to paragraph (2), not later than
12 30 days after a record or document described in subsection
13 (a) is created, the Secretary shall make the record or docu-
14 ment available on the Internet website (or successor pro-
15 tocol) of the Department in a manner that is easily acces-
16 sible by the public.”.

17 (b) UNREDACTED DISCLOSURE.—Subsection (e) of
18 section 5705 of such title is amended by striking “except
19 as provided for in subsection (b) of this section” and in-
20 serting “that contains identifying information described in
21 paragraph (2) of subsection (b)”.

22 (c) PRIOR RECORDS.—In carrying out subsection
23 (b)(3) of section 5705 of title 38, United States Code, as
24 amended by subsection (a)(2) of this section, the Secretary
25 of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that records or documents

1 described in subsection (a) of such section 5705 that were
2 created during the two-year period preceding the date of
3 the enactment of this Act are made available on the Inter-
4 net website of the Department.

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