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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 2019

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Immigrant Veterans
5 Eligibility Tracking System Act” or the “I–VETS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING ALIENS CONNECTED TO THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—On the application by an alien for
4 an immigration benefit or the placement of an alien in
5 an immigration enforcement proceeding, the Secretary of
6 Homeland Security shall—

7 (1) determine whether the alien is serving, or
8 has served, as a member of—

9 (A) a regular or reserve component of the
10 Armed Forces of the United States on active
11 duty; or

12 (B) a reserve component of the Armed
13 Forces in an active status; and

14 (2) with respect to the immigration and natu-
15 ralization records of the Department of Homeland
16 Security relating to an alien who is serving, or has
17 served, as a member of the Armed Forces described
18 in paragraph (1), annotate such records—

19 (A) to reflect that membership; and

20 (B) to afford an opportunity to track the
21 outcomes for each such alien.

22 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF INFORMATION FOR RE-
23 MOVAL.—Information gathered under subsection (a) may
24 not be used for the purpose of removing an alien from
25 the United States.