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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VALADAO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Improving Mental  
5 Health Care and Coordination for Homeless Veterans  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSESSMENT**

2 **OF VETERANS NEEDING HOMELESS PRO-**  
3 **GRAM SERVICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VII of chapter 20 of  
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 2070. Assessment of veterans needing homeless**  
8 **program services**

9 “(a) ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.—Not later than  
10 three days after the date on which an employee of the  
11 homeless program of the Department identifies a veteran  
12 as needing homeless program services, the employee shall  
13 conduct an assessment of the veteran that shall include—

14 “(1) an assessment of the physical and mental  
15 health needs of the veteran;

16 “(2) a plan to address the immediate and long-  
17 term mental and physical needs of the veteran; and

18 “(3) an identification of appropriate housing in  
19 which to place the veteran.

20 “(b) INCLUSION IN EHR.—A homeless program em-  
21 ployee who conducts an assessment under subsection (a)  
22 shall ensure that—

23 “(1) the information collected as part of the as-  
24 sessment is consistent with the information included  
25 in the electronic health record of the veteran; and

1           “(2) personally identifiable information is col-  
2       lected and maintained in accordance with the poli-  
3       cies of the Department and the Veterans Health Ad-  
4       ministration, Federal law, and ethical practices.

5           “(c) IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING.—The Director  
6       of the Homeless Program Office shall ensure that appro-  
7       priate homeless program employees monitor the implemen-  
8       tation of the plans developed pursuant to subsection (a)(2)  
9       to ensure that veterans who are homeless and at-risk for  
10      homelessness and who have mental health issues are get-  
11      ting the appropriate level and scope of services needed to  
12      address their immediate and long-term care and support  
13      needs.”.

14           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
15       at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
16       after the item relating to section 2069 the following new  
17       item:

“2070. Assessment of veterans needing homeless program services.”.