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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide to Congress notice of any suicide or attempted suicide of a veteran in a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs or of a Community Care provider, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Fostering Trans-
5 parency, Understanding, and Support for Veterans Act of
6 2026” or the “Fostering TRUST Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE OF SUICIDES AND AT-**
2 **TEMPTED SUICIDES OF VETERANS IN DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILI-**
4 **TIES.**

5 Section 1720F of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(1) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—(1)
9 In the case of the suicide or attempted suicide of any vet-
10 eran that occurs in, or on the grounds of, a Department
11 facility or the facility of a non-Department provider
12 through which the Secretary furnishes care under section
13 1703 of this title, to the extent that the Secretary or any
14 employee or senior leader of the Department is aware of
15 the suicide or attempted suicide, the Secretary shall sub-
16 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate
17 and the House of Representatives and the Senators and
18 member of Congress representing the district in which the
19 facility is located and the Senators and member of Con-
20 gress representing the district in which the veteran resides
21 the following notices:

22 “(A) Not later than seven days after the date
23 on which the suicide or attempted suicide occurs, no-
24 tice of—

25 “(i) the suicide or attempted suicide; and

1 “(ii) the name of the facility and location
2 where the suicide or attempted suicide occurred.

3 “(B) Subject to paragraph (2), not later than
4 60 days after such date, notice of the following in-
5 formation (if available) regarding the veteran who
6 committed or attempted to commit suicide:

7 “(i) The enrollment status of the veteran
8 with respect to the patient enrollment system of
9 the Department under section 1705 of this title.

10 “(ii) The date and circumstances of the
11 most recent encounter before the suicide or at-
12 tempted suicide occurred between the veteran
13 and any employee or facility of the Veterans
14 Health Administration or any non-Department
15 provider.

16 “(iii) Whether the veteran had other med-
17 ical insurance or coverage (including under the
18 TRICARE program (as defined in section 1072
19 of title 10), the Medicare program under title
20 XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1395 et seq.), or the Medicaid program under
22 title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1396 et seq.)).

24 “(iv) The Armed Force in which the vet-
25 eran served.

1 “(v) The time period during which the vet-
2 eran served in the Armed Forces.

3 “(vi) The age of the veteran.

4 “(vii) The marital status of the veteran.

5 “(viii) The employment status of the vet-
6 eran.

7 “(ix) The housing status of the veteran.

8 “(x) The gender identity of the veteran.

9 “(xi) The sexual orientation of the veteran.

10 “(xii) The race and ethnicity of the vet-
11 eran.

12 “(xiii) The disability rating of the veteran.

13 “(xiv) Confirmation that the Secretary has
14 provided to the immediate family members of
15 the veteran notice of any Department support
16 or assistance for which such family members
17 may be eligible.

18 “(2) In collecting and reporting information under
19 paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall take all steps the
20 Secretary determines necessary to respect the privacy and
21 dignity of the veteran and the family of the veteran.

22 “(3) Each notice submitted under subparagraph (A)
23 or (B) of paragraph (1) shall include a copy of guidance
24 developed by the Secretary for purposes of dissemination
25 that is designed to—

1 “(A) deter the sensationalism of suicide;

2 “(B) provide information regarding warning
3 signs that are often exhibited by veterans at risk of
4 suicide;

5 “(C) provide notice of the resources the Depart-
6 ment offers to veterans who may be at risk of sui-
7 cide, including the Veterans Crisis Line and read-
8 justment counseling provided through Vet Centers;
9 and

10 “(D) provide information about best practices
11 for lethal means safety and resources to secure le-
12 thal means available through the Department.”.