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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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 “Streamline Upgrades  
5 for Veterans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF**  
7 **PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO DUTY WITH A**  
8 **SERVICE REVIEW AGENCY.**

9 Section 1559(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
10 amended by striking “Before December 31, 2025” and in-  
11 serting “During the period beginning on the date of the  
12 enactment of the Streamline Upgrades for Veterans Act  
13 and ending on December 31, 2030”.

14 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON TIME REQUIRED FOR A BOARD TO CON-**  
15 **SIDER A REVIEW OF A DISCHARGE OR DIS-**  
16 **MISSAL FROM THE ARMED FORCES BASED**  
17 **ON MATTERS RELATING TO POST-TRAUMATIC**  
18 **STRESS DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-**  
19 **JURY.**

20 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
23 retary of Defense, acting through the Under Sec-  
24 retary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in  
25 coordination with the Secretaries of the military de-

1       partments, shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
2       sional committees a report regarding the periods re-  
3       quired for a board established under section 1552 or  
4       1553 of title 10, United States Code, to make a de-  
5       termination in a case involving liberal consideration.

6               (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph  
7       (1) shall include the following:

8                       (A) An analysis of the time such periods,  
9                       disaggregated by military department.

10                      (B) An explanation of the differences be-  
11                      tween such periods, disaggregated by military  
12                      department.

13                      (C) The number of personnel assigned to  
14                      review, process, and consider such cases.

15                      (D) Recommendations of the Secretary of  
16                      Defense, which the Secretary may develop in  
17                      consultation with Federal entities that serve  
18                      members of the Armed Forces of veterans, to  
19                      expedite the consideration of such cases.

20               (3) FORM.—The report shall be submitted in  
21       unclassified form.

22               (4) PUBLICATION.—The executive summary of  
23       the report shall be published on a publicly accessible  
24       website of—

25                      (A) the Department of Defense; and

1 (B) the Department of Veterans Affairs.

2 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after submit-  
3 ting the report under subsection (a), the Secretary of De-  
4 fense shall provide to the appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees a briefing on the findings, conclusions, and rec-  
6 ommendations of such report.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of  
11 the House of Representatives;

12 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of  
13 the Senate;

14 (C) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of  
15 the House of Representatives; and

16 (D) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of  
17 the Senate.

18 (2) The term “liberal consideration” is used as  
19 such term is used in section 1552(h) and 1553(d) of  
20 title 10, United States Code.