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[Report No. 116-]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study regarding the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study regarding the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities.

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 “VA Website Accessi-
5 bility Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF**
7 **WEBSITES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
8 **ERANS AFFAIRS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-**
9 **ABILITIES.**

10 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
12 Affairs shall examine all websites (including attached files
13 and web-based applications) of the Department of Vet-
14 erans Affairs to determine whether such websites are ac-
15 cessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance with
16 section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.
17 794d).

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after com-
19 pleting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
20 submit a report to Congress regarding such study. The
21 report shall include the following:

22 (1) A list of each website, file, or web-based ap-
23 plication described in subsection (a) that is not ac-
24 cessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance

1 with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
2 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

3 (2) For each website, file, or web-based applica-
4 tion identified under paragraph (1), a description of
5 the barriers to bringing such website, file, or web-
6 based application into compliance with the require-
7 ments of such section, including barriers relating to
8 staffing.

9 (3) The plan of the Secretary to bring each
10 website, file, or web-based application identified in
11 the list under paragraph (1) into compliance with
12 the requirements of section 508 of the Rehabilitation
13 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

14 (c) DEFINITION OF WEBSITE.—In this section, the
15 term “website” includes a kiosk at a Department of Vet-
16 erans Affairs medical facility, the use of which is required
17 to check in for scheduled appointments.