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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve claims, made under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, regarding military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2025

Mrs. KIM (for herself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. BACON, and Ms. HOULAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 18, 2025]

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 VA Training*
5 *for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF CLAIMS BASED ON MILITARY**
7 **SEXUAL TRAUMA UNDER LAWS ADMINIS-**
8 **TERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
9 **FAIRS.**

10 *(a) TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO PROCESS SUCH*
11 *CLAIMS.—*

12 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 1166*
13 *of title 38, United States Code, is amended—*

14 *(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “members*
15 *of teams established under subsection (a) are*
16 *trained” and inserting “each employee of the De-*
17 *partment who processes such a claim, commu-*
18 *nicates with a claimant regarding evidence sup-*
19 *porting such a claim, or decides such a claim,*
20 *receives annual sensitivity training and train-*
21 *ing”; and*

22 *(B) by adding at the end the following new*
23 *paragraphs:*

1 “(4) *The Secretary shall ensure that training received*
2 *by an employee under this subsection is appropriate for how*
3 *much experience the employee has with such claims.*

4 “(5) *The Secretary shall update training under this*
5 *subsection not less than once annually.”.*

6 (2) *REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the*
7 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-*
8 *erans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Vet-*
9 *erans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-*
10 *tives a report regarding—*

11 (A) *training provided under such subsection*
12 *before such date; and*

13 (B) *plans of the Secretary to carry out the*
14 *amendments made by paragraph (1).*

15 (b) *EXPANSION OF DUTY TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING*
16 *RECORDS FOR A COMPENSATION CLAIM.—Section 5103A(c)*
17 *of title 38, United States Code, is amended—*

18 (1) *by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-*
19 *graph (3); and*

20 (2) *by inserting, after paragraph (1), the fol-*
21 *lowing new paragraph (2):*

22 “(2) *In the case of a claim under section 1166 of this*
23 *title, the assistance provided by the Secretary under this*
24 *section shall include obtaining—*

1 “(A) *the service personnel record of the claimant;*
2 *and*

3 “(B) *the service medical record of the claimant.*”.

4 (c) *SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTED*
5 *HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS: REPORT; IMPROVE-*
6 *MENTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-*
7 *ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall sub-*
8 *mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate*
9 *and House of Representatives a report on—*

10 (1) *sensitivity training required for health care*
11 *professionals and individuals who communicate with*
12 *veterans to schedule examinations, contracted under*
13 *section 504 of the Veterans’ Benefits Improvements*
14 *Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–275; 38 U.S.C. 5101*
15 *note), to perform examinations of veterans who make*
16 *claims under section 1166 of title 38, United States*
17 *Code; and*

18 (2) *the plan of the Secretary to—*

19 (A) *improve such sensitivity training; and*

20 (B) *ensure that a veteran who makes such*
21 *a claim is not retraumatized during such an ex-*
22 *amination by such a contracted health care pro-*
23 *fessional.*