



**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3122
OFFERED BY MS. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Care Finan-
3 cial Protection Act of 2017”.

**4 SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NOTICE OF DIS-
5 HONEST, PREDATORY, OR OTHERWISE UN-
6 LAWFUL PRACTICES TARGETING INDIVID-
7 UALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INCREASED
8 PENSION ON BASIS OF NEED FOR REGULAR
9 AID AND ATTENDANCE.**

10 (a) NOTICE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans
11 Affairs shall include on the internet website of the Depart-
12 ment of Veterans Affairs a warning to veterans relating
13 to dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices
14 targeting individuals who are eligible for increased pension
15 under chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code, on the
16 basis of need for regular aid and attendance.

17 (b) GAO STUDY.—

1 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 18
2 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Comptroller General of the United States shall
4 complete a study on financial exploitation of vet-
5 erans. Such study shall include—

6 (A) an analysis of the types of standards
7 used by Federal and State agencies intended to
8 protect vulnerable populations from financial
9 exploitation; and

10 (B) an analysis of the types of financial ex-
11 ploitation facing veterans who are eligible for
12 increased pension under chapter 15 of title 38,
13 United States Code, on the basis of need for
14 regular aid and attendance and any gaps in ef-
15 forts to address these issues.

16 (2) REPORTS.—

17 (A) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later
18 than one year after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall sub-
20 mit to Congress a preliminary report on the
21 study required under paragraph (1).

22 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 18
23 months after the date of the enactment of this
24 Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to
25 Congress a final report on such study.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a warning regarding dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices targeting individuals who are eligible for increased pension on the basis of need for regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes."



