

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1199

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

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF**
2 **WEBSITES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-**
4 **ABILITIES.**

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

13 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 90 days after com-
14 pleting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
15 submit a report to Congress regarding such study. The
16 report shall include the following:

17 (1) A list of each website, file, or web-based ap-
18 plication described in subsection (a) that is not ac-
19 cessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance
20 with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
21 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

22 (2) For each website, file, or web-based applica-
23 tion identified under paragraph (1), a description of
24 the barriers to bringing such website, file, or web-
25 based application into compliance with the require-

1 ments of such section, including barriers relating to
2 staffing.

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

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

○