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116TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the automatic enrollment of eligible veterans in patient enrollment system of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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**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 “Ensuring Veterans’  
5 Smooth Transition Act” or the “EVEST Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF ELIGIBLE VETERANS**  
2 **IN PATIENT ENROLLMENT SYSTEM OF DE-**  
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1705 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall enroll each veteran de-  
8 scribed in subsection (a) in the patient enrollment system  
9 under this section by not later than 60 days after receiving  
10 the information described in paragraph (3) with respect  
11 to the veteran.

12 “(2) Not later than 60 days after enrolling a veteran  
13 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide to the  
14 veteran—

15 “(A) notice of the veteran’s enrollment; and

16 “(B) instructions for how the veteran may opt  
17 out of such enrollment, at the election of the vet-  
18 eran.

19 “(3) The information described in this paragraph is  
20 the appropriate information concerning eligibility for en-  
21 rollment in the patient enrollment system under this sec-  
22 tion, as provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center  
23 of the Department of Defense.”.

24 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (d) of section 1705  
25 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply to a veteran  
26 with respect to whom the Secretary receives the informa-

1 tion described in paragraph (3) of such subsection on or  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (c) ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR  
4 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PATIENT ENROLL-  
5 MENT SYSTEM.—Not later than August 1, 2021, the Sec-  
6 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that any veteran  
7 who is eligible for automatic enrollment in the patient en-  
8 rollment system under section 1705(d) of title 38, United  
9 States Code, is able to access—

10 (1) an electronic version of the certificate of eli-  
11 gibility showing the veteran’s eligibility for such en-  
12 rollment; and

13 (2) an electronic mechanism by which the vet-  
14 eran may opt out of such enrollment.