

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 705
OFFERED BY MS. Budzinski

Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON BARRIERS TO SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH**
2 **CARE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—Beginning not later than 90
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a study on—

7 (1) the factors contributing to the stigma
8 around seeking mental health care provided by the
9 Department of Veterans Affairs; and

10 (2) other barriers to seeking such health care.

11 (b) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than one
12 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs
14 of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on
15 the results of the study required under subsection (a).

16 (c) **OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.**—The Secretary of Vet-
17 erans Affairs shall create and conduct an outreach cam-
18 paign to counter the stigma around seeking mental health

- 1 care provided by the Department based on the findings
- 2 of the study required under subsection (a).

