AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3481

OFFERED BY MR. BARRETT OF MICHIGAN

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. 2 This Act may be cited as the "Delivering Digitally to Our Veterans Act of 2025". 4 SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN OUTREACH UNDER 5 SOLID START PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF 6 VETERANS AFFAIRS. 7 Section 6320(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended— 8 9 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)— (A) by striking "calling" and inserting 10 "communicating with"; and 11 (B) by inserting "through the use of tai-12 13 lored lines of communication, including mail-14 ings, text messaging, virtual chatting, and other electronic forms of messaging" after "Armed 15 16 Forces"; and (2) in paragraph (2), by striking "tailored mail-17 18 ings" and inserting "tailored lines of communica-

1	tion, including mailings, text messaging, virtual
2	chatting, and other electronic forms of messaging,".
3	SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS USE OF TAI-
4	LORED LINES OF COMMUNICATION FOR COR-
5	RESPONDENCE RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL
6	ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.
7	Section 3680 of title 38, United States Code, is
8	amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
9	section:
10	"(i)(1) The Secretary shall provide a mechanism by
11	which an eligible veteran or eligible person may use tai-
12	lored lines of communication to send and receive cor-
13	respondence with the Department of Veterans related to
14	entitlement to and use of educational assistance benefits
15	under the laws administered by the Secretary. The Sec-
16	retary shall ensure that an eligible veteran or eligible per-
17	son is provided with an opportunity to opt into sending
18	and receiving such correspondence using such lines of
19	communication rather than by mail.
20	"(2) The Secretary shall provide to eligible veterans
21	and eligible persons who are enrolled in a course or pro-
22	gram of education or training notice of the opportunity
23	to opt in to sending and receiving correspondence using
24	tailored lines of communication pursuant to paragraph
25	(1).

- 1 "(3) In this subsection, the term 'tailored lines of
- 2 communication' includes mailings, text messaging, virtual
- 3 chatting, and other electronic forms of messaging.".
- 4 SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF
- 5 PENSION.
- 6 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
- 7 is amended by striking "November 30, 2031" and insert-
- 8 ing "January 31, 2033".

