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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study the link between certain economic factors and veteran suicides.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “VA Economic Hard-
5 ship Report Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON ECONOMIC FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO**

7 **VETERAN SUICIDES.**

8 (a) COMPILATION OF DATA.—Not later than one year
9 fter the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Vet-
2 erans' Affairs a report on the economic factors that con-
3 tribute to veteran suicides. Such report shall include each
4 of the following for the one-year period preceding the date
5 of the enactment of this Act:

6 (1) The number of homeless veterans.

7 (2) The number of veterans who are housing in-
8 secure.

9 (3) The number of veterans living in poverty.

10 (4) The number of veterans who are food inse-
11 cure.

12 (5) The number of veterans who earn at or
13 below minimum wage.

14 (6) The number of veterans who have com-
15 mitted or attempted to commit suicide and who are,
16 or were at the time of such suicide or attempted sui-
17 cide, homeless, in poverty, or food insecure.

18 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after submit-
19 ting the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary
20 of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study on the link be-
21 tween poverty, food insecurity, housing insecurity, and vet-
22 eran suicide.