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[Report No. 117–]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2021

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself and Mrs. KIM of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

MAY --, 2021

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed
A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veterans and Family
Information Act”.

SEC. 2. FACT SHEETS.

(a) LANGUAGES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
shall make available versions of all fact sheets of the De-
partment of Veterans Affairs in—

(1) English;

(2) Spanish;

(3) Tagalog; and

(4) each of the 10 most commonly spoken lan-
guages, other than English, in the United States
that are not otherwise covered by paragraphs (2)
and (3).

(b) WEBSITE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
shall establish and maintain a publicly available website
of the Department of Veterans Affairs that contains links
to all fact sheets of the Veterans Benefits Administration,
Veterans Health Administration, and of the National
Cemetery Administration. The website shall be accessible
by a clearly labeled hyperlink on the homepage of the De-
partment.
(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit a report to Congress regarding fact sheets described in subsection (a) and details of the Language Access Plan of the Department of Veteran Affairs. The report shall include the following:

(1) What the Secretary determines constitutes a fact sheet of the Department for purposes of this Act.

(2) How such fact sheets are utilized and distributed other than on and through the website of the Department.

(3) How such Language Access Plan is communicated to veterans, family members of veterans, and caregivers.

(4) The roles and responsibilities of patient advocates in the coordination of care for veterans with limited English proficiency, family members of such veterans, and caregivers.

(5) Other demographic information that the Secretary determines appropriate regarding veterans with limited English proficiency.