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TEXT OF H.R. 4673, EVEST ACT

**[Showing the text of H.R. 4673, as ordered reported by the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs.]**

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Veterans’
3 Smooth Transition Act” or the “EVEST Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF ELIGIBLE VETERANS**
5 **IN PATIENT ENROLLMENT SYSTEM OF DE-**
6 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

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

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

15 “(2) Not later than 60 days after enrolling a veteran
16 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide to the
17 veteran—

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

1 “(B) instructions for how the veteran may opt
2 out of such enrollment, at the election of the vet-
3 eran.

4 “(3) The information described in this paragraph is
5 the appropriate information concerning eligibility for en-
6 rollment in the patient enrollment system under this sec-
7 tion, as provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center
8 of the Department of Defense, or such successor entity
9 of the Department.”.

10 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (d) of section 1705
11 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection
12 (a), shall apply to a veteran with respect to whom the Sec-
13 retary receives the information described in paragraph (3)
14 of such subsection on or after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act.

16 (c) ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
17 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PATIENT ENROLL-
18 MENT SYSTEM.—Not later than August 1, 2022, the Sec-
19 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that any veteran
20 who is eligible for automatic enrollment in the patient en-
21 rollment system under subsection (d) of section 1705 of
22 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),
23 is able to access—

1 (1) an electronic version of the certificate of eli-
2 gibility showing the veteran's eligibility for such en-
3 rollment; and

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

