AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2340
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2 This Act may be cited as the "Fostering Intergovernmental Health Transparency in Veteran Suicides Act" or "FIGHT Veteran Suicides Act".
3
4 SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE OF SUICIDES AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDES OF VETERANS IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES.
5
6 Section 1720F of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:
7
8 "(l) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—(1)
9 In the case of the suicide or attempted suicide of any veteran that occurs in, or on the grounds of, a Department facility, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representa-
10 tives and the Senator and member of Congress rep-
11
resenting the district in which the facility is located the
following notices:

"(A) Not later than seven days after the date
on which the suicide or attempted suicide occurs, no-
tice of—

"(i) the suicide or attempted suicide; and

"(ii) the name of the facility and location
where the suicide or attempted suicide occurred.

"(B) Not later than 60 days after such date,
notice of the following information regarding the vet-
eran who committed or attempted to commit suicide:

"(i) The enrollment status of the veteran
with respect to the patient enrollment system of
the Department under section 1705 of this title.

"(ii) The most recent encounter between
the veteran and any employee or facility of the
Veterans Health Administration before the sui-
cide or attempted suicide occurred.

"(iii) Whether the veteran had private
medical insurance.

"(iv) The Armed Force in which the vet-
eran served.

"(v) The time period when the veteran
served in the Armed Forces.

"(vi) The age of the veteran.
“(vii) The marital status of the veteran.
“(viii) The employment status of the veteran.
“(ix) The housing status of the veteran.
“(x) The gender identity of the veteran.
“(xi) The sexual orientation of the veteran.
“(xii) The race of the veteran.
“(xiii) Confirmation that the Secretary has provided notice to the immediate family members of the veteran regarding any Department support or assistance for which such family members may be eligible.
“(2) Each notice submitted under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) shall include a copy of guidance developed by the Secretary for purposes of dissemination that is designed to—
“(A) deter the sensationalism of suicide;
“(B) provide information regarding warning signs that are often exhibited by veterans at risk of suicide; and
“(C) provide notice of the resources the Department offers to veterans who may be at risk of suicide, including the Veterans Crisis Line and readjustment counseling provided through Vet Centers.”.