

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 Intergovern-
3 mental Health Transparency in Veteran Suicides Act” or
4 “FIGHT Veteran Suicides Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE OF SUICIDES AND AT-**
6 **TEMPTED SUICIDES OF VETERANS IN DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILI-**
8 **TIES.**

9 Section 1720F of title 38, United States Code, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(1) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—(1)
13 In the case of the suicide or attempted suicide of any vet-
14 eran that occurs in, or on the grounds of, a Department
15 facility, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
16 Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Senator and member of Congress rep-

1 resenting the district in which the facility is located the
2 following notices:

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

6 “(i) the suicide or attempted suicide; and

7 “(ii) the name of the facility and location
8 where the suicide or attempted suicide occurred.

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

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

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

19 “(iii) Whether the veteran had private
20 medical insurance.

21 “(iv) The Armed Force in which the vet-
22 eran served.

23 “(v) The time period when the veteran
24 served in the Armed Forces.

25 “(vi) The age of the veteran.

1 “(vii) The marital status of the veteran.

2 “(viii) The employment status of the vet-
3 eran.

4 “(ix) The housing status of the veteran.

5 “(x) The gender identity of the veteran.

6 “(xi) The sexual orientation of the veteran.

7 “(xii) The race of the veteran.

8 “(xiii) Confirmation that the Secretary has
9 provided notice to the immediate family mem-
10 bers of the veteran regarding any Department
11 support or assistance for which such family
12 members may be eligible.

13 “(2) Each notice submitted under subparagraph (A)
14 or (B) of paragraph (1) shall include a copy of guidance
15 developed by the Secretary for purposes of dissemination
16 that is designed to—

17 “(A) deter the sensationalism of suicide;

18 “(B) provide information regarding warning
19 signs that are often exhibited by veterans at risk of
20 suicide; and

21 “(C) provide notice of the resources the Depart-
22 ment offers to veterans who may be at risk of sui-
23 cide, including the Veterans Crisis Line and read-
24 justment counseling provided through Vet Centers.”.

