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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DELUZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Saving Our Veterans  
5 Lives Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
2 **TO FURNISH TO CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS**  
3 **OF THE ARMED FORCES ITEMS USED FOR SE-**  
4 **CURE STORAGE OF FIREARMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 17 of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 1720M. Program to furnish to veterans and certain**  
9 **former members of the Armed Forces**  
10 **items intended to be used for the secure**  
11 **storage of firearms**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary shall carry out  
13 a program to provide to an eligible individual, upon the  
14 request of such eligible individual—

15 “(A) a covered item, or a redeemable voucher to  
16 aid in the distribution of a covered item; and

17 “(B) information with respect to the benefits  
18 of, and options for, secure firearm storage.

19 “(2) In distributing covered items to eligible individ-  
20 uals pursuant to such program, the Secretary is author-  
21 ized to work with eligible entities that have expertise and  
22 business knowledge with respect to secure firearm devices.

23 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year  
24 after the date of the enactment of the Saving Our Vet-  
25 erans Lives Act of 2025, and on an annual basis there-  
26 after, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate con-

1 gressional committees a report that includes, with respect  
2 to the period covered by the report—

3 “(1) a description of the how the program—

4 “(A) functions; and

5 “(B) promotes the secure storage of fire-  
6 arms;

7 “(2) the number of—

8 “(A) covered items distributed pursuant to  
9 the program;

10 “(B) redeemable vouchers distributed pur-  
11 suant to the program; and

12 “(C) such redeemable vouchers redeemed  
13 for a covered item;

14 “(3) efforts made to increase the outreach with  
15 respect to such program to veterans not enrolled in  
16 the system of annual patient enrollment established  
17 an operated under section 1705 of this title;

18 “(4) a description of any obstacles, if any, to  
19 increasing such outreach; and

20 “(5) a description of additional steps, if any,  
21 the Secretary intends to implement during the one-  
22 year period beginning on the date of the submission  
23 of the report to improve the processes by which eligi-  
24 ble individuals receive a covered item pursuant to  
25 the program.

1 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-  
3 mittees’ means—

4 “(A) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs  
5 of the House of Representatives and the Sen-  
6 ate; and

7 “(B) the Committees on Appropriations of  
8 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

9 “(2) The term ‘covered item’ means a lock box  
10 that—

11 “(A) is used for the secure storage of a  
12 firearm and ammunition;

13 “(B) is designed, intended, and marketed  
14 to prevent unauthorized access to a firearm or  
15 ammunition;

16 “(C) may be unlocked only by means of a  
17 key, combination, or other similar means;

18 “(D) is in compliance with the applicable  
19 standard of American Society for Testing and  
20 Materials F2456-20;

21 “(E) is manufactured in the United States;  
22 and

23 “(F) is not eligible or intended for com-  
24 mercial or individual resale.

25 “(3) The term ‘eligible individual’ means—

1                   “(A) a veteran; and

2                   “(B) an eligible individual described in  
3                   subsection (b) of section 1720I of this title.”.

4           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
6 after the item relating to section 1720L the following new  
7 item:

                  “1720M. Program to furnish to eligible individuals items intended to be  
                  used for the secure storage of firearms.”.

8           (c) EDUCATION AND TRAINING.—The Secretary of  
9 Veterans Affairs shall—

10           (1) in consultation with representatives of orga-  
11           nizations and agencies that are subject to a memo-  
12           randum of understanding with the Secretary with  
13           respect to the prevention of suicide among former  
14           members of the Armed Forces (including the reserve  
15           components) and other such entities as the Secretary  
16           determines appropriate—

17                   (A) develop an informational video on se-  
18                   cure storage of firearms as a suicide prevention  
19                   strategy; and

20                   (B) publish such informational video on an  
21                   internet website of the Department; and

22           (2) publish information to inform individuals  
23           who participate in the program under section 1720M  
24           of title 38, United States Code (as added by sub-

1 section (a)) that any item intended to be used for  
2 the secure storage of a firearm furnished pursuant  
3 to such program is not eligible or intended for com-  
4 mercial or individual resale.

5 (d) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall design  
7 and carry out a public education campaign to edu-  
8 cate individuals eligible to participate in the program  
9 under section 1720M of title 38, United States Code  
10 (as added by subsection (a)), to inform such individ-  
11 uals—

12 (A) of the availability of items intended to  
13 be used for the secure storage of a firearms  
14 under such program; and

15 (B) that participation in such program  
16 does not affect the rights of an individual with  
17 respect to the lawful ownership of a firearm.

18 (2) COLLABORATION AUTHORIZED.—In car-  
19 rying out such campaign, the Secretary may collabo-  
20 rate with organizations that have expertise with re-  
21 spect to secure firearm devices.

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 are authorized to the appropriated to the Secretary  
24 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2036  
25 to carry out—

1 (1) this section; and

2 (2) the program under section 1720M of title  
3 38, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)).

4 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act,  
5 or the amendments made by this Act, may be construed  
6 to—

7 (1) collect personally identifiable information of  
8 an individual who participates in the program under  
9 section 1720M of title 38, United States Code (as  
10 added by subsection (a)) for the purposes of track-  
11 ing firearm ownership;

12 (2) require any such individual to register a  
13 firearm with the Department of Veterans Affairs, or  
14 any other Federal, state, tribal or local unit of Gov-  
15 ernment;

16 (3) require mandatory firearm storage for any  
17 such individual;

18 (4) prohibit any such individual from pur-  
19 chasing, owning, or possessing a firearm under sec-  
20 tion 922 of title 18, United States Code;

21 (5) discourage the lawful ownership of firearms;

22 or

23 (6) create or maintain a list of individuals that  
24 participate in such program.