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# H. R. 6858

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a review of the deaths of certain veterans who died by suicide, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. HIMES, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. KEAN, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Veteran Suicide Pre-  
5 vention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REVIEW OF**  
7 **CERTAIN VETERANS’ DEATHS BY SUICIDE.**

8 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 18 months  
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Veterans Affairs shall complete a review of the deaths  
2 of all covered veterans who died by suicide during the five-  
3 year period preceding the date of the enactment of this  
4 Act. Such review shall include—

5 (1) the total number of veterans who died by  
6 suicide during the five-year period preceding the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act;

8 (2) a summary of such veterans that includes  
9 the age, gender, and race of such veterans;

10 (3) a comprehensive list of the medications pre-  
11 scribed to, and found in the systems of, such vet-  
12 erans at the time of their deaths, specifically listing  
13 any medications that carried a black box warning,  
14 were off-label, psychotropic, or carried warnings that  
15 included suicidal ideation;

16 (4) a summary of medical diagnoses by Depart-  
17 ment of Veterans Affairs physicians which led to the  
18 prescribing of the medications referred to in para-  
19 graph (3);

20 (5) the number of instances in which the vet-  
21 eran who died by suicide was concurrently on mul-  
22 tiple medications prescribed by Department of Vet-  
23 erans Affairs physicians;

1           (6) the percentage of veterans who died by sui-  
2           cide who were not taking any medication prescribed  
3           by a Department of Veterans Affairs physician;

4           (7) the percentage of veterans referred to in  
5           paragraph (1) with combat experience or trauma  
6           (including, but not limited to military sexual trauma,  
7           traumatic brain injury, and post-traumatic stress);

8           (8) Veteran Health Administration facilities  
9           with markedly high prescription and suicide rates of  
10          patients being treated at those facilities;

11          (9) a description of Department of Veterans Af-  
12          fairs policies governing the prescribing of medica-  
13          tions referred to in paragraph (3);

14          (10) any patterns apparent to the Secretary  
15          based on the review; and

16          (11) recommendations for further action that  
17          would improve the safety and well-being of veterans.

18          (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 30 days  
19          after the completion of the review required under sub-  
20          section (a), the Secretary shall—

21                 (1) submit to Congress a report on the results  
22                 of the review; and

23                 (2) make such report publicly available.

24          (c) COVERED VETERAN.—In this section:

1           (1) The term “covered veteran” means any vet-  
2           eran who received hospital care or medical services  
3           furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs  
4           during the five-year period preceding the death of  
5           the veteran.

6           (2) The term “black box warning” means a  
7           warning displayed within a box in the prescribing in-  
8           formation for drugs that have special problems, par-  
9           ticularly ones that may lead to death or serious in-  
10          jury.

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