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H. R. 7049

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain assessments of veterans needing homeless program services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VALADAO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Improving Mental
5 Health Care and Coordination for Homeless Veterans
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSESSMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS NEEDING HOMELESS PRO-**
3 **GRAM SERVICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VII of chapter 20 of
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 2070. Assessment of veterans needing homeless**
8 **program services**

9 “(a) ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.—Not later than
10 three days after the date on which an employee of the
11 homeless program of the Department identifies a veteran
12 as needing homeless program services, the employee shall
13 conduct an assessment of the veteran that shall include—

14 “(1) an assessment of the physical and mental
15 health needs of the veteran;

16 “(2) a plan to address the immediate and long-
17 term mental and physical needs of the veteran; and

18 “(3) an identification of appropriate housing in
19 which to place the veteran.

20 “(b) INCLUSION IN EHR.—A homeless program em-
21 ployee who conducts an assessment under subsection (a)
22 shall ensure that—

23 “(1) the information collected as part of the as-
24 sessment is consistent with the information included
25 in the electronic health record of the veteran; and

1 “(2) personally identifiable information is col-
2 lected and maintained in accordance with the poli-
3 cies of the Department and the Veterans Health Ad-
4 ministration, Federal law, and ethical practices.

5 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING.—The Director
6 of the Homeless Program Office shall ensure that appro-
7 priate homeless program employees monitor the implemen-
8 tation of the plans developed pursuant to subsection (a)(2)
9 to ensure that veterans who are homeless and at-risk for
10 homelessness and who have mental health issues are get-
11 ting the appropriate level and scope of services needed to
12 address their immediate and long-term care and support
13 needs.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
16 after the item relating to section 2069 the following new
17 item:

“2070. Assessment of veterans needing homeless program services.”.

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