

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1982

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and other communications submitted by veterans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. STARK, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia) 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 “Veterans Entitlement  
5       to Service (VETS) Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS**  
2 **AFFAIRS OF RECEIPT OF MEDICAL, DIS-**  
3 **ABILITY, AND PENSION CLAIMS AND OTHER**  
4 **COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY VET-**  
5 **ERANS.**

6 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall acknowledge  
7 the receipt of any claim for medical services, disability  
8 compensation, or pension under the laws administered by  
9 the Secretary for Veterans Affairs, or other communica-  
10 tion relating to such services, compensation, or pension,  
11 submitted to the Secretary by a veteran within 60 days  
12 of receiving the claim or other communication.

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