

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4921

To amend title 38, United States Code, to include information relating to certain questionnaire on forms to apply for disability or pension benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2023

Mrs. LUNA (for herself and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO**
2 **CERTAIN QUESTIONNAIRE ON FORMS TO**
3 **APPLY FOR DISABILITY AND PENSION BENE-**
4 **FITS UNDER THE LAWS ADMINISTERED BY**
5 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5101 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
9 following new paragraph:

10 “(4) The Secretary shall include on any covered form
11 information relating to such disability benefit question-
12 naire forms, including—

13 “(A) a statement that a veteran may choose the
14 non-Department medical provider that completes
15 such disability benefit questionnaire form;

16 “(B) a statement that a veteran may submit to
17 the Secretary such disability benefit questionnaire
18 form at any time during the period beginning on the
19 date on which the veteran files a claim for disability
20 benefits under the laws administered by the Sec-
21 retary and ending on the date on which the Sec-
22 retary approves or denies such claim; and

23 “(C) a description of methods by which a vet-
24 eran may access such disability benefit questionnaire
25 form, including methods to access such form without
26 using an internet website.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (e)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
3 (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

4 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as
5 so redesignated) the following new paragraph:

6 “(1) The term ‘covered form’ means—

7 “(A) a form to apply for benefits under
8 chapter 11 or 15 of this title; and

9 “(B) Department of Veterans Affairs
10 Form 21–0966 (or any successor document).”.

11 (b) INTERNET WEBSITE UPDATE.—The Secretary of
12 Veterans affairs shall include on the website of the De-
13 partment of Veterans Affairs titled “How to file a VA dis-
14 ability claim” (or any successor website) the information
15 relating to disability benefit questionnaire forms described
16 in paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of such section (as
17 added by subsection (a)).

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