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[Report No. 118–846, Part I]

To provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. KILMER, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. MILLS, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. MAST, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mrs. LESKO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. LUNA, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Additional sponsors: Mr. CRANE, Mr. BAIRD, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. POSEY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CROW, Ms. CARAVEO, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. SOTO, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Ms. LEE of Nevada

DECEMBER 10, 2024

Reported from the Committee on Homeland Security with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 15, 2024]

A BILL

To provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

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 Expedited TSA*
5 *Screening Safe Travel Act” or the “VETS Safe Travel Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF PRECHECK PROGRAM TO CERTAIN**
7 **SEVERELY INJURED OR DISABLED VET-**
8 **ERANS.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44927 of title 49, United*
10 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*
11 *new subsection:*

12 *“(g) AVAILABILITY OF PRECHECK PROGRAM TO CER-*
13 *TAIN SEVERELY INJURED OR DISABLED VETERANS.—*

14 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—A veteran described in para-*
15 *graph (2) is eligible for security screening under the*
16 *PreCheck Program under section 44919 at no cost to*
17 *the veteran if the veteran is able to meet the back-*
18 *ground check and other security requirements for par-*
19 *ticipation in the Program.*

20 *“(2) VETERANS DESCRIBED.—A veteran de-*
21 *scribed in this paragraph is a veteran who—*

22 *“(A) is enrolled in the patient enrollment*
23 *system of the Department of Veterans Affairs es-*
24 *tablished and operated under section 1705 of*
25 *title 38, United States Code;*

1 “(B) has—

2 “(i) lost, or lost use of, a limb;

3 “(ii) become paralyzed or partially
4 paralyzed; or

5 “(iii) incurred permanent blindness;

6 and

7 “(C) as a result of a loss, paralyzation or
8 partial paralyzation, or blindness described in
9 subparagraph (B), requires the use of a wheel-
10 chair, prosthetic limb, or other assistive device to
11 aid with mobility.

12 “(3) *LIMITATION.*—*The Administrator of the*
13 *Transportation Security Administration shall carry*
14 *out this subsection subject to the availability of ap-*
15 *propriations and may not increase fees for enrollment*
16 *in the PreCheck Program for such purpose.”.*

17 “(b) *COORDINATION ON IMPLEMENTATION.*—*The Ad-*
18 *ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration*
19 *and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly—*

20 (1) *implement a process under which a veteran*
21 *described in paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of section*
22 *44927 of title 49, United States Code, as added by*
23 *subsection (a), can receive the benefits under such sub-*
24 *section by not later than one year after the date of*
25 *enactment of this Act; and*

1 (2) *provide to Congress a briefing on the status*
2 *of implementing the process required by paragraph*
3 *(1) by not later than one year after the date of the*
4 *enactment of this Act.*

5 (c) *OUTREACH FOR DISABLED VETERANS ON AVAIL-*
6 *ABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION*
7 *PROGRAMS.—*

8 (1) *COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Veterans*
9 *Affairs and the Administrator of the Transportation*
10 *Security Administration shall implement a process*
11 *under which the Secretary provides to disabled vet-*
12 *erans effective outreach regarding Transportation Se-*
13 *curity Administration programs designed to improve*
14 *the screening process for passengers with disabilities.*

15 (2) *FURTHER ENHANCEMENTS TO EASE AIR*
16 *TRAVEL FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS AND OTHER DIS-*
17 *ABLED VETERANS.—Notwithstanding subchapter I of*
18 *chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly*
19 *referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”), or*
20 *any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans*
21 *Affairs, in coordination with the Administrator of the*
22 *Transportation Security Administration, shall—*

23 (A) *engage appropriate veterans service or-*
24 *ganizations and other relevant organizations, as*
25 *appropriate, to assess the awareness of veterans*

1 *of relevant Transportation Security Administra-*
2 *tion programs; and*

3 *(B) examine the need and feasibility of*
4 *other measures to improve travel security proce-*
5 *dures for disabled veterans.*

6 *(3) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than*
7 *180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*
8 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Adminis-*
9 *trator of Transportation Security Administration*
10 *shall jointly provide to Congress a briefing on the sta-*
11 *tus of the implementation of paragraphs (1) and (2).*

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