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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to relax restrictions on filling certain vacant positions at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Accountable Leader-
5 ship for Veterans Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE POSITIONS IN THE DE-**
2 **PARTMENT FILLED BY NONCAREER AP-**
3 **POINTEES.**

4 Section 709(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “5 percent” and inserting “10 per-
6 cent”.

7 **SEC. 3. UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH.**

8 Section 305 of title 38, United States Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **“§ 305. Under Secretary for Health**

11 “There is in the Department an Under Secretary for
12 Health, who is appointed by the President, by and with
13 the advice and consent of the Senate.”.

14 **SEC. 4. UNDER SECRETARY FOR BENEFITS.**

15 Section 306 of title 38, United States Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 **“§ 306. Under Secretary for Benefits**

18 “There is in the Department an Under Secretary for
19 Benefits, who is appointed by the President, by and with
20 the advice and consent of the Senate.”.