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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. CISCOMANI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Establishing the Vet-  
5       erans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-  
6       tion Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPOR-**  
2 **TUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.**

3 (a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND TRAN-  
4 SITION ADMINISTRATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part V of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following new chapter:

8 **“CHAPTER 80—VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-**  
9 **PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMIN-**  
10 **ISTRATION**

“Sec.

“8001. Organization of Administration.

“8002. Functions of Administration.

“8003. Annual report to Congress.

11 **“§ 8001. Organization of Administration**

12 “(a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND  
13 TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.—There is in the Depart-  
14 ment of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Economic Oppor-  
15 tunity and Transition Administration. The primary func-  
16 tion of the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-  
17 tion Administration is the administration of the programs  
18 of the Department that provide assistance related to eco-  
19 nomic opportunity to veterans and their dependents and  
20 survivors.

21 “(b) UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC OPPOR-  
22 TUNITY AND TRANSITION.—The Veterans Economic Op-  
23 portunity and Transition Administration is under the

1 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
2 Transition, who is directly responsible to the Secretary for  
3 the operations of the Administration.

4 **“§ 8002. Functions of Administration**

5 “The Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition  
6 Administration is responsible for the administration of the  
7 following programs of the Department:

8 “(1) Vocational rehabilitation and employment  
9 programs.

10 “(2) Educational assistance programs.

11 “(3) Veterans’ housing loan and related pro-  
12 grams.

13 “(4) The Transition Assistance Program under  
14 section 1144 of title 10.

15 “(5) Any other program of the Department  
16 that the Secretary determines appropriate.

17 **“§ 8003. Annual report to Congress**

18 “The Secretary shall include in the annual report to  
19 the Congress required by section 529 of this title a report  
20 on the programs administered by the Under Secretary for  
21 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition. Each  
22 such report shall include the following with respect to each  
23 such program during the fiscal year covered by that re-  
24 port:

25 “(1) The number of claims received.

1 “(2) The number of claims decided.

2 “(3) The average processing time for a claim.

3 “(4) The number of successful outcomes (as de-  
4 termined by the Secretary).

5 “(5) The number of full-time equivalent em-  
6 ployees.

7 “(6) The amounts expended for information  
8 technology.”.

9 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The tables of  
10 chapters at the beginning of title 38, United States  
11 Code, and of part V of title 38, United States Code,  
12 are each amended by inserting after the item relat-  
13 ing to chapter 79 the following new item:

**“80. Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Ad-  
ministration ..... 8001”.**

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Chapter 80 of title 38,  
15 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take  
16 effect on October 1, 2027.

17 (c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—For fiscal years 2028  
18 and 2029, the total number of full-time equivalent employ-  
19 ees authorized for the Veterans Benefits Administration  
20 and the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition  
21 Administration, as established under chapter 80 of title  
22 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), may  
23 not exceed—

24 (1) 31,401 in fiscal year 2028; and

1 (2) 31,401 in fiscal year 2029.

2 **SEC. 3. UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-**  
3 **PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION.**

4 (a) UNDER SECRETARY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
7 306 the following new section:

8 **“§ 306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-**  
9 **portunity and Transition**

10 “(a) UNDER SECRETARY.—There is in the Depart-  
11 ment an Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-  
12 tunity and Transition, who is appointed by the President,  
13 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
14 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
15 Transition shall be appointed without regard to political  
16 affiliation or activity and solely on the basis of dem-  
17 onstrated ability in—

18 “(1) information technology; and

19 “(2) the administration of programs within the  
20 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Ad-  
21 ministration or programs of similar content and  
22 scope.

23 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Under Secretary for  
24 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition is the  
25 head of, and is directly responsible to the Secretary for

1 the operations of, the Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
2 Transition Administration.

3 “(c) VACANCIES.—(1) Whenever a vacancy in the po-  
4 sition of Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-  
5 tunity and Transition occurs or is anticipated, the Sec-  
6 retary shall establish a commission to recommend individ-  
7 uals to the President for appointment to the position.

8 “(2) A commission established under this subsection  
9 shall be composed of the following members appointed by  
10 the Secretary:

11 “(A) Three persons representing education and  
12 training, vocational rehabilitation, employment, real  
13 estate, mortgage finance and related industries, and  
14 survivor benefits activities affected by the Veterans  
15 Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-  
16 tion.

17 “(B) Two persons representing veterans served  
18 by the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-  
19 tion Administration.

20 “(C) Two persons who have experience in the  
21 management of private sector benefits programs of  
22 similar content and scope to the economic oppor-  
23 tunity and transition programs of the Department.

24 “(D) The Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

1           “(E) The chairman of the Veterans’ Advisory  
2       Committee on Education formed under section 3692  
3       of this title.

4           “(F) One person who has held the position of  
5       Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
6       and Transition, if the Secretary determines that it  
7       is desirable for such person to be a member of the  
8       commission.

9       “(3) A commission established under this subsection  
10   shall recommend at least three individuals for appoint-  
11   ment to the position of Under Secretary for Veterans Eco-  
12   nomic Opportunity and Transition. The commission shall  
13   submit all recommendations to the Secretary. The Sec-  
14   retary shall forward the recommendations to the President  
15   and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate  
16   and House of Representatives with any comments the Sec-  
17   retary considers appropriate. Thereafter, the President  
18   may request the commission to recommend additional in-  
19   dividuals for appointment.

20       “(4) The Assistant Secretary or Deputy Assistant  
21   Secretary of Veterans Affairs who performs personnel  
22   management and labor relations functions shall serve as  
23   the executive secretary of a commission established under  
24   this subsection.”.

1           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2       tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
3       by inserting after the item relating to section 306  
4       the following new item:

“306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition.”.

5       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 38, United  
6       States Code, is further amended—

7           (1) in section 306(c)(2), by striking subpara-  
8       graphs (A) and (E) and redesignating subpara-  
9       graphs (B), (C), (D), and (F), as subparagraphs (A)  
10      through (D), respectively;

11          (2) in section 317(d)(2), by inserting after  
12      “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the  
13      Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
14      and Transition,”;

15          (3) in section 318(d)(2), by inserting after  
16      “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the  
17      Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
18      and Transition,”;

19          (4) in section 516(e)(2)(C), by striking “Health  
20      and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting  
21      “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the  
22      Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
23      and Transition”;

24          (5) in section 541(a)(2)(B), by striking “Health  
25      and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting



1 “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the  
2 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
3 and Transition”;

4 (6) in section 542(a)(2)(B)(iii), by striking  
5 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and  
6 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,  
7 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-  
8 portunity and Transition”;

9 (7) in section 544(a)(2)(B)(vi), by striking  
10 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and  
11 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,  
12 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-  
13 portunity and Transition”;

14 (8) in section 709(c)(2)(A), by inserting after  
15 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the  
16 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
17 and Transition,”;

18 (9) in section 7701(a), by inserting after “as-  
19 sistance” the following: “, other than assistance re-  
20 lated to economic opportunity and transition,”; and

21 (10) in section 7703, by striking paragraphs (2)  
22 and (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as  
23 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 306A of title 38,  
25 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), and the

1 amendments made by this section, shall take effect on Oc-  
2 tober 1, 2027.

3 **SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF SERVICES.**

4 (a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on  
7 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-  
8 tives a report on the progress toward establishing the Vet-  
9 erans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-  
10 tion, as established under section 8001 of title 38, United  
11 States Code, as added by section 2, and the transition of  
12 the provision of services to veterans by such Administra-  
13 tion.

14 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
15 fairs may not transfer the function of providing any serv-  
16 ices to veterans to the Veterans Economic Opportunity  
17 and Transition Administration, as established under sec-  
18 tion 8001 of title 38, United States Code, as added by  
19 section 2, until the Secretary submits to the Committees  
20 on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-  
21 resentatives certification that—

22 (1) the transition of the provision of services to  
23 such Administration will not negatively affect the  
24 provision of such services to veterans; and

25 (2) such services are ready to be transferred.

1       (c) DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary  
2 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of  
3 the Senate and House of Representatives the certification  
4 required by subsection (b)—

5           (1) no earlier than April 1, 2027; and

6           (2) no later than September 1, 2027.

7       (d) FAILURE TO CERTIFY.—If the Secretary fails to  
8 submit the certification required by subsection (b) by the  
9 date specified in subsection (c)(2), the Secretary shall sub-  
10 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate  
11 and House of Representatives a report that includes—

12           (1) the reason why the certification was not  
13 made by such date; and

14           (2) the estimated date when the certification  
15 will be made.