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# H. R. 2388

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the submission of information by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Congress.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida 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 “Access to Timely Infor-  
5 mation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY THE**  
7 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title  
9 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
10 tion 529 the following new section:

1 **“§ 529A. Submission of certain information by the**  
2 **Secretary to Congress**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The submission of information  
4 by the Secretary to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
5 of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Vet-  
6 erans’ Affairs of the Senate in response to a request for  
7 such information made by a covered member of the com-  
8 mittee shall be deemed to be—

9 “(1) a covered disclosure under section  
10 552a(b)(9) of title 5; and

11 “(2) a permitted disclosure under regulations  
12 promulgated under section 264(c) of the Health In-  
13 surance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  
14 (Public Law 104–191), including a permitted disclo-  
15 sure for oversight activities authorized by law as de-  
16 scribed in section 164.512(d) of title 45, Code of  
17 Federal Regulations.

18 “(b) SUBMISSION TO CHAIRMAN.—With respect to a  
19 request for information described in subsection (a) made  
20 by a covered member of the committee who is not the  
21 chairman, the Secretary shall also submit such informa-  
22 tion to the chairman of the Committee on Veterans’ Af-  
23 fairs of the House of Representatives or the Committee  
24 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate, as the case may be.

1       “(c) COVERED MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.—In  
2 this section, the term ‘covered member of the committee’  
3 means the following:

4           “(1) The chairman or ranking member of the  
5 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of  
6 Representatives or the Committee on Veterans’ Af-  
7 fairs of the Senate.

8           “(2) A chairman or ranking member of a sub-  
9 committee of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of  
10 the House of Representatives or the Committee on  
11 Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate.

12           “(3) The designee of a chairman or ranking  
13 member described in paragraph (1) or (2).”.

14       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
15 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended by in-  
16 serting after the item relating to section 529 the following  
17 new item:

“529A. Submission of certain information by the Secretary.”.

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