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# H. R. 2354

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2013

Ms. ESTY (for herself and Mr. HECK of Nevada) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Proper Replacement  
5 Of Medals and Performance Tracking Act” or “PROMPT  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY DECORATIONS.**

2 (a) PROMPT REPLACEMENT REQUIRED; ANNUAL RE-  
3 PORT.—Section 1135 of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
6 section (d); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
8 lowing new subsections:

9 “(b) PROMPT REPLACEMENT REQUIRED.—When a  
10 request for the replacement of a military decoration is re-  
11 ceived under this section or section 3747, 3751, 6253,  
12 8747, or 8751 of this title, the Secretary concerned shall  
13 ensure that—

14 “(1) all actions to be taken with respect to the  
15 request, including verification of the service record  
16 of the recipient of the military decoration, are com-  
17 pleted within one year; and

18 “(2) the replacement military decoration is  
19 mailed to the person requesting the replacement  
20 military decoration within 60 days after verification  
21 of the service record.

22 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense  
23 shall submit to the congressional defense committees an  
24 annual report regarding compliance by the military de-  
25 partments with the performance standards imposed by  
26 subsection (b). Each report shall include—

1           “(1) for the one-year period covered by the re-  
2       port—

3           “(A) the average number of days it took to  
4       verify the service record and entitlement of  
5       members and former members of the armed  
6       forces for replacement military decorations;

7           “(B) the average number of days between  
8       receipt of a request and the date on which the  
9       replacement military decoration was mailed;  
10       and

11          “(C) the average number of days between  
12       verification of a service record and the date on  
13       which the replacement military decoration was  
14       mailed; and

15          “(2) an estimate of the funds necessary for the  
16       next fiscal year to meet or exceed such performance  
17       standards.”.

18       (b) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after  
19       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
20       Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-  
21       tees (as defined in section 101(a)(16) of title 10, United  
22       States Code) a plan to implement the amendments made  
23       by subsection (a), including an estimate of the funds nec-

- 1   essary for fiscal year 2015 to meet or exceed the perform-
- 2   ance standards imposed by such amendments.

