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# H. R. 6078

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Mr. AGUILAR 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 “VA Accountability for  
5 Location of Records Act” or the “VALOR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FURNISHING OF RECORDS**  
2 **IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 5702 of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “(c)(1) The Secretary shall furnish each record de-  
8 scribed in paragraph (3) by not later than 14 days after  
9 the date on which the Secretary receives the request for  
10 such record.

11 “(2) If the Secretary is unable to furnish a record  
12 during the 14-day period required by paragraph (1), the  
13 Secretary shall inform the person requesting the record,  
14 by not later than 10 days after the beginning of such pe-  
15 riod, of—

16 “(A) the reason for the delay; and

17 “(B) the estimated date on which the Secretary  
18 will furnish the record.

19 “(3) The records described in this paragraph are any  
20 of the following:

21 “(A) A record requested in an application made  
22 under subsection (a).

23 “(B) A record not covered under subparagraph  
24 (A) that—

25 “(i) relates to the military service or med-  
26 ical records of a veteran; and

1                   “(ii) the Secretary is otherwise authorized  
2                   to furnish to the person requesting the record.”.

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