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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. PELTOLA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Food Security for All
5 Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON FOOD INSECURITY AMONG**
2 **VETERANS.**

3 Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 38, United States
4 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
5 section (and conforming the table of sections at the begin-
6 ning of such chapter accordingly):

7 **“§ 534. Annual report on food insecurity among vet-**
8 **erans**

9 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary, in coordina-
10 tion with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to the
11 appropriate congressional committees an annual report on
12 veteran food insecurity. Each such report shall include
13 data on the following:

14 “(1) The socioeconomic and racial characteris-
15 tics of veterans experiencing food insecurity,
16 disaggregated by State in which the veteran is lo-
17 cated, Indian tribe (if applicable), age, service-con-
18 nected disability rating, racial or ethnic group, gen-
19 der, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

20 “(2) Native American veterans experiencing
21 food insecurity.

22 “(3) Specific interventions for veterans who
23 screen positive for food insecurity, including the
24 number of—

1 “(A) personnel from the Department who
2 have received specific training in screening vet-
3 erans for food insecurity;

4 “(B) referrals completed by a social work-
5 er, nutritionist, dietician, or other personnel of
6 the Department for veterans who screen posi-
7 tive as food insecure, disaggregated by facility
8 of the Department from which such veterans
9 were referred; and

10 “(C) veterans who screen positive as food
11 insecure who were provided information regard-
12 ing the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
13 gram and other Federal nutrition assistance
14 programs.

15 “(4) Each referral described in paragraph
16 (3)(B), including the number of such referrals that
17 were completed.

18 “(5) Eligibility screenings for participation in
19 the supplemental nutrition assistance program com-
20 pleted by personnel of the Department.

21 “(6) The number of applications for participa-
22 tion in the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
23 gram completed with assistance from personnel of
24 the Department.

1 “(7) Measurable outcomes for veterans who
2 participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance
3 program or other Federal nutrition assistance pro-
4 grams, including food security status, health out-
5 comes, and other measures of well-being.

6 “(8) Coordination efforts between State agen-
7 cies, facilities of the Department and the Depart-
8 ment of Agriculture located in that State, and vet-
9 eran service organizations regarding outreach to vet-
10 erans to participate in the supplemental nutrition
11 assistance program.

12 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees’ means the following:

15 “(A) The Committee on Agriculture of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 “(B) The Committee on Agriculture, Nu-
18 trition, and Forestry of the Senate.

19 “(C) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
20 of the House of Representatives.

21 “(D) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
22 of the Senate.

23 “(2) The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning
24 given such term in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-

1 termination and Education Assistance Act (25
2 U.S.C. 5304).

3 “(3) The terms ‘Native American’ and ‘Native
4 American veteran’ have the meanings given those
5 terms in section 3765 of this title.

6 “(4) The terms ‘State agency’ and ‘supple-
7 mental nutrition assistance program’ have the mean-
8 ings given those terms in section 3 of the Food and
9 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012).”.

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