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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Veterans Medicare
5 Premium Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPLANATION OF MEDICARE BENEFITS FOR VET-**
2 **ERANS.**

3 (a) EXPLANATION OF MEDICARE BENEFITS IN AN-
4 NUAL NOTICE.—Section 1804 of title XVIII of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b–2) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(e) A notice provided under subsection (a) on or
8 after the date of enactment of the Veterans Medicare Pre-
9 mium Transparency Act shall include an explanation of
10 how enrollment in the patient enrollment system of the
11 Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated
12 under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code, im-
13 pacts the calculation of the monthly premium of an indi-
14 vidual enrolled under part B and the monthly premium
15 for a prescription drug plan under part D, including a
16 clear explanation that—

17 “(1) months for which an individual is enrolled
18 in the patient enrollment system of the Department
19 of Veterans Affairs established and operated under
20 section 1705 of title 38, United States Code, shall
21 be taken into account for the purposes of deter-
22 mining the monthly premium of such individual
23 under section 1839(b); and

24 “(2) enrollment in such patient enrollment sys-
25 tem is creditable prescription drug coverage under
26 section 1860D–13(b).”.

1 (b) NOTICE OF MEDICARE BENEFITS ONLINE.—The
2 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall make avail-
3 able on the Medicare.gov internet website (or a successor
4 website) and any other website of the Department of
5 Health and Human Services, as determined relevant by
6 the Secretary, the information described in subsection (e)
7 of section 1804 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395b–2), as amended by this section.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
11 Human Services and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
12 shall jointly submit to Congress a report that includes—

13 (1) a summary of the updates made to publica-
14 tions of the Department of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices pursuant to subsection (e) of section 1804 of
16 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b–2), as
17 amended by this section, and subsection (b); and

18 (2) an estimate of the number of veterans
19 who—

20 (A) were paying an increased monthly pre-
21 mium under section 1839(b) of the Social Secu-
22 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(b)) as of the date of
23 enactment of this Act; and

24 (B) were at any point enrolled in the pa-
25 tient enrollment system of the Department of

- 1 Veterans Affairs established and operated under
- 2 section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.