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To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for making payments to automobile sellers for automobiles purchased for certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARRETT 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 “Centralized Reim-
5 bursement for Upgraded Innovative Service Equipment
6 Act” or the “CRUISE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO PROCESS FOR MAKING PAY-**
2 **MENTS TO AUTOMOBILE SELLERS FOR AUTO-**
3 **MOBILES PURCHASED FOR CERTAIN DIS-**
4 **ABLED VETERANS.**

5 (a) **TIMELINESS OF PAYMENTS.**—Section 3902 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended, in subsection
7 (a)—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”;
9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) The Secretary shall—

13 (A) make payments under this section in com-
14 pliance with section 3903(a) of title 31; and

15 (B) in the case of any payment under this sec-
16 tion that is not processed within 30 days, the Sec-
17 retary shall publish the number of days required to
18 process the payment.”.

19 (b) **CENTRALIZATION OF PROCESS FOR MAKING PAY-**
20 **MENTS.**—Such section is amended by adding at the end
21 the following new subsection:

22 (f)(1) The Secretary shall ensure that the process
23 for making payments to sellers under this section is cen-
24 tralized within the Central Office of the Department.

25 (2) The Secretary shall develop a process to accu-
26 rately track and resolve payments due to sellers under this

1 section that have been outstanding for longer than 90
2 days.”.