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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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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 “VA AI Transparency
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS USES OF ARTIFICIAL**
3 **INTELLIGENCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
6 erans Affairs shall ensure that, except as provided in sub-
7 section (c), with respect to each instance in which the De-
8 partment of Veterans Affairs uses artificial intelligence to
9 interact with a covered individual, the Secretary discloses
10 such use to the covered individual.

11 (b) CONTENTS OF DISCLOSURE.—A disclosure under
12 subsection (a) shall include—

13 (1) a clear statement that the covered indi-
14 vidual is interacting with an artificial intelligence
15 system and not a human employee of the Depart-
16 ment; and

17 (2) an identification of the general purpose for
18 which the artificial intelligence system is being used.

19 (c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with
20 respect to internal uses of artificial intelligence by the De-
21 partment to assist a Department employee, contractor, or
22 other authorized individual in performing administrative,
23 analytical, clerical, or other related functions.

24 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-
25 section (c) may be construed to permit the Department

1 to use artificial intelligence to interact directly with a cov-
2 ered individual.

3 (e) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “covered individual” means—

5 (1) a veteran;

6 (2) a survivor or dependent of a veteran;

7 (3) a caregiver of a veteran;

8 (4) an individual who is seeking to determine
9 eligibility for, apply for, or receive a benefit or serv-
10 ice under laws administered by the Secretary; or

11 (5) any other individual interacting with the
12 Department in connection with a benefit, service,
13 program, or activity under laws administered by the
14 Secretary.