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H. R. 1169

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certificates of eligibility and award letters to certain individuals using electronic means.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) 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 “VA E-Notification En-
5 hancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY AND**
2 **AWARD LETTERS USING ELECTRONIC MEANS.**

3 Chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
4 ed by inserting after section 3698 the following new sec-
5 tion (and conforming the table of sections at the beginning
6 of such chapter accordingly):

7 **“§ 3698A. Provision of certificates of eligibility and**
8 **award letters using electronic means**

9 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided by sub-
10 section (b), the Secretary shall provide to an individual
11 the following documents using electronic means:

12 “(1) A certificate of eligibility for the entitle-
13 ment of the individual to covered educational assist-
14 ance.

15 “(2) An award letter regarding the authoriza-
16 tion of the individual to receive covered educational
17 assistance.

18 “(b) ELECTION TO OPT OUT.—An individual may
19 elect to receive the documents specified in subsection (a)
20 by mail rather than through electronic means under sub-
21 section (a). An individual may revoke such an election at
22 any time, by means prescribed by the Secretary.

23 “(c) COVERED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—In this
24 section, the term ‘covered educational assistance’ means
25 educational assistance under chapter 30, 33, or 35 of this
26 title, or the high technology pilot program under section

1 116 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational As-
2 sistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–48; 38 U.S.C. 3001
3 note).”.

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