

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1302

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a deadline for the certification of certain forms by regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2015

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. EMMER of Minnesota, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GIBBS, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. JONES, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. BARR, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. MESSER, Mr. DEFazio, and Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a deadline for the certification of certain forms by regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 Appeals Backlog
5 Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATION OF APPEALS**
2 **FORMS BY REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall take such
5 steps as may be necessary to ensure that when a regional
6 office of the Department of Veterans Affairs receives a
7 form known as “VA Form 9, Appeal to Board of Veterans’
8 Appeals”, or any successor form, submitted by a veteran
9 to appeal a decision relating to a claim, the regional office
10 certifies such form by not later than one year after the
11 date of the receipt of the form.

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