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# H. R. 5805

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2018

Mr. LAMB introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS AUTHOR-**  
2 **IZED TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE DE-**  
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS**  
4 **CHANGES IN CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts authorized to be appro-  
6 priated to carry out section 1703 of title 38, United States  
7 Code, shall be considered changes in concepts and defini-  
8 tions pursuant to section 251(b)(1) of the Balanced Budg-  
9 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.  
10 901(b)(1)). These changes shall be reflected only in the  
11 budget year in each sequestration preview report required  
12 by section 254(c) of such Act. For each budget year, the  
13 baseline level of new budget authority using up-to-date  
14 concepts and definitions shall be equal to the discretionary  
15 appropriations that are specified for those authorizations  
16 of appropriations in the budget that the President submits  
17 under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, includ-  
18 ing those already provided for that fiscal year as advance  
19 discretionary new budget authority.

20 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 DISCRE-  
21 TIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—Within 15 days of the pub-  
22 lication of a final rule in the Federal Register promul-  
23 gating the regulations pursuant to section 101(c) of this  
24 Act, the Office of Management and Budget shall further  
25 adjust the fiscal year 2019 discretionary spending limits  
26 to reflect the impact of those regulations, as estimated by

1 the Department of Veterans Affairs, on the discretionary  
2 appropriations that are specified for those authorizations  
3 of appropriations in the Budget that the President sub-  
4 mitted for that fiscal year under section 1105 of title 31  
5 United States Code, and shall provide written notification  
6 to the Congress of such further adjustments.

7 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 10 days  
8 after the date each year on which the President submits  
9 the budget request under section 1105 of title 31 United  
10 States Code, and also 10 days after the publication of the  
11 final rule previously referenced in this section, the Sec-  
12 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees  
13 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report  
14 detailing the estimates of the resources required by the  
15 Department for those authorizations of appropriations, as  
16 forecast using the Enrollee Health Care Projections  
17 Model, or other methodologies used by the Department.

18 (d) ADJUSTMENT OF FUTURE DISCRETIONARY  
19 SPENDING LIMITS.—For each fiscal year, the Office of  
20 Management and Budget shall further adjust the discre-  
21 tionary spending limits in section 251(c) of the Balanced  
22 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2  
23 U.S.C. 901(c)) to reflect the transmittal of any formal and  
24 informal supplementals and amendments, as those terms  
25 are defined in section 110 of Office of Management and

1 Budget Circular A-11, for those authorizations of appro-  
2 priations and shall provide written notification to the Con-  
3 gress of such further adjustments within 15 days of such  
4 transmittal.

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