

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8475

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on the correlation between service in the Armed Forces conducting explosive ordnance disposal and post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and suicide.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2024

Mr. CRAWFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Explosive Ordnance Disposal Brain Health and Suicide
6 Report Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON CORRELATION BETWEEN MILITARY**
2 **SERVICE IN EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DIS-**
3 **POSAL AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS-**
4 **ORDER, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, AND SUI-**
5 **CIDE.**

6 (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall provide a report to Congress on
9 the effects of PTSD, TBI, and death by suicide, specific
10 to EOD personnel that includes—

11 (1) a review of suicide data specific to EOD
12 personnel from the Department’s Suicide Prevention
13 Office for the last 5 years;

14 (2) an assessment of any trends in PTSD and/
15 or TBI in death by suicide in the EOD community;

16 (3) recommendations for policies or initiatives
17 that could improve health care for EOD personnel
18 with specific regard to PTSD, TBI, and prevention
19 of suicide;

20 (4) ongoing efforts by the Department to pro-
21 vide support for EOD personnel; and

22 (5) a detailed list of any additional resources
23 that Congress could provide to support EOD per-
24 sonnel in an effort to reduce the frequency and the
25 effects of PTSD, TBI, and death by suicide.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement to submit
2 reports under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date
3 that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act.

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