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To provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

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 “Veterans Expedited
5 TSA Screening Safe Travel Act” or the “VETS Safe
6 Travel Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF PRECHECK PROGRAM TO CER-**
 2 **TAIN SEVERELY INJURED OR DISABLED VET-**
 3 **ERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44927 of title 49, United
 5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 “(g) AVAILABILITY OF PRECHECK PROGRAM TO
 8 CERTAIN SEVERELY INJURED OR DISABLED VET-
 9 ERANS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A veteran described in
 11 paragraph (2) is eligible for security screening under
 12 the PreCheck Program under section 44919 at no
 13 cost to the veteran if the veteran is able to meet the
 14 background check and other security requirements
 15 for participation in the program.

16 “(2) VETERANS DESCRIBED.—A veteran de-
 17 scribed in this paragraph is a veteran who—

18 “(A) is enrolled in the patient enrollment
 19 system of the Department of Veterans Affairs
 20 established and operated under section 1705 of
 21 title 38, United States Code;

22 “(B) has—

23 “(i) lost, or lost use of, a limb;

24 “(ii) become paralyzed or partially
 25 paralyzed; or

1 “(iii) incurred permanent blindness;

2 and

3 “(C) as a result of a loss, paralyzation or
4 partial paralyzation, or blindness described in
5 subparagraph (B), requires the use of a wheel-
6 chair, prosthetic limb, or other assistive device
7 to aid with mobility.”.

8 (b) COORDINATION ON IMPLEMENTATION.—The Ad-
9 ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration
10 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly—

11 (1) develop and implement a process under
12 which a veteran described in paragraph (2) of sub-
13 section (g) of section 44927 of title 49, United
14 States Code, as added by subsection (a), can receive
15 the benefits under such subsection by not later than
16 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act;
17 and

18 (2) provide to Congress a briefing on the status
19 of implementing the process required by paragraph
20 (1) by not later than one year after the date of the
21 enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. OUTREACH FOR DISABLED VETERANS ON AVAIL-**
2 **ABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AD-**
3 **MINISTRATION PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
5 fairs and the Administrator of the Transportation Secu-
6 rity Administration shall develop and implement a process
7 under which the Secretary provides to disabled veterans
8 effective outreach about Transportation Security Adminis-
9 tration programs designed to improve the screening proc-
10 ess for passengers with disabilities.

11 (b) FURTHER ENHANCEMENTS TO EASE AIR TRAV-
12 EL FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS AND OTHER DISABLED
13 VETERANS.—Notwithstanding subchapter I of chapter 35
14 of title 44, United States Code (commonly referred to as
15 the “Paperwork Reduction Act”), or any other provision
16 of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination
17 with the Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-
18 ministration, shall—

19 (1) engage appropriate veterans service organi-
20 zations and other relevant organizations, as appro-
21 priate, to assess the awareness of veterans of rel-
22 evant Transportation Security Administration pro-
23 grams; and

24 (2) examine the need and feasibility of other
25 measures to improve travel security procedures for
26 disabled veterans.

1 (c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Veterans Affairs and the Administrator of
4 Transportation Security Administration shall jointly pro-
5 vide to Congress a briefing on the status of the implemen-
6 tation of subsections (a) and (b).

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