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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Honoring All Veterans
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MISSION STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
7 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) REQUIRED MISSION STATEMENT.—Section 301
9 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
10 the end the following new subsection:

1 “(d) The mission statement of the Department shall
2 be as follows: ‘To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise to
3 care for those ‘who shall have borne the battle’ and for
4 their families, caregivers, and survivors.’”.

5 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs shall—

8 (1) publish in the Federal Register and on the
9 internet website of the Department of Veterans Af-
10 fairs a notification explaining the mission statement
11 of the Department as specified in subsection (d) of
12 section 301 of title 38, United States Code, as added
13 by subsection (a) of this section; and

14 (2) update each internet website of the Depart-
15 ment of Veterans Affairs and other electronic ref-
16 erences that use a previous mission statement.

17 (c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after the
18 date of the enactment of the this Act, the Secretary shall
19 develop and issue guidance to all elements of the Depart-
20 ment regarding the mission statement of the Department
21 as specified in subsection (d) of section 301 of title 38,
22 United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this
23 section. The guidance shall include the following:

24 (1) A notification explaining the mission state-
25 ment.

1 (2) Instructions and a timeline for updating all
2 previous mission statement references at each such
3 element.

4 (3) A method to monitor and evaluate the com-
5 pliance by facilities of the Department with the
6 guidance, including a reporting mechanism for such
7 facilities to report back to the Secretary on the
8 progress made in updating all non-electronic mission
9 statement references.

10 (4) Any other information that the Secretary
11 determines necessary to ensure timely compliance
12 with the guidance.

13 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
15 to Congress a report containing a review and assessment
16 of the progress of each element of the Department in com-
17 plying with the guidance under subsection (c), including—

18 (1) any reasons explaining why an element of
19 the Department has failed to implement the guid-
20 ance; and

21 (2) a plan to address any such failure to imple-
22 ment the guidance and ensure that each element of
23 the Department fully implements and complies with
24 the guidance.

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