

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 402

To improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BURR, and Ms. COLLINS) 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 "Keeping Our Promise
5 to America's Military Veterans Act".

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON LEGISLATION TO IM-**
2 **PROVE THE LIVES OF OUR NATION'S VET-**
3 **ERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that, in order to express
5 the unending gratitude of the American people for the sac-
6 rifices of America's veterans and their families in defend-
7 ing the American way of life, legislation should be enacted
8 to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their
9 families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve
10 the American dream, including legislation that—

11 (1) assures timely, predictable, and adequate
12 funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs, es-
13 pecially funding for medical care activities, so that
14 the Department may readily provide veterans the
15 services for which they are eligible;

16 (2) improves the ability of the Veterans Bene-
17 fits Administration to provide timely and accurate
18 decisions on all claims for veterans benefits;

19 (3) assures that the Department provides time-
20 ly access to high-quality treatment for mental health
21 conditions, including for Post Traumatic Stress Dis-
22 order (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI);
23 and

24 (4) facilitates a seamless transition from mili-
25 tary life to civilian life for members of the Armed

- 1 Forces who are separating from the Armed Forces
- 2 and for their families.

