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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. KELLY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. OSSOFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “TAP Promotion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESENTATION TO PROMOTE BENEFITS AVAIL-**
2 **ABLE TO VETERANS IN PRESEPARATION**
3 **COUNSELING UNDER THE TRANSITION AS-**
4 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1142(b) of title 10,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new paragraph:

8 “(20) A presentation that promotes the benefits
9 available to veterans under the laws administered by
10 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Such presen-
11 tation—

12 “(A) shall be standardized;

13 “(B) shall, before implementation, be re-
14 viewed and approved by the Secretary of Vet-
15 erans Affairs in collaboration with veterans
16 service organizations that provide claims assist-
17 ance under the benefits delivery at discharge
18 program of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

19 “(C) shall be submitted by the Secretary of
20 Veterans Affairs to the Committee on Veterans’
21 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on
22 Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representa-
23 tives for review at least 90 days before imple-
24 mentation;

25 “(D) where available, shall be presented
26 with the participation of—

1 “(i) a representative of a veterans
2 service organization recognized under sec-
3 tion 5902 of title 38; or

4 “(ii) an individual—

5 “(I) recognized under section
6 5903 of such title; and

7 “(II) authorized by the Secretary
8 concerned to so participate;

9 “(E) shall include information on how a
10 veterans service organization may assist the
11 member in filing a claim described in paragraph
12 (19);

13 “(F) may not encourage the member to
14 join a particular veterans service organization;
15 and

16 “(G) may not exceed one hour in dura-
17 tion.”.

18 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less than frequently than
19 once each year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Com-
21 mittee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
22 mittee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representa-
23 tives a report that—

24 (1) identifies each veterans service organization
25 that participated in a presentation under paragraph

1 (20) of section 1142(b) of title 10, United States
2 Code, as added by subsection (a);

3 (2) contains the number of members of the
4 Armed Forces who attended such presentations; and

5 (3) includes any recommendations of the Sec-
6 retary regarding changes to such presentation or to
7 such paragraph.