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# H. R. 4204

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on suicides among veterans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOSWELL (for himself, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. SHULER, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. REYES, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Ms. BEAN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BACA, Mr. BARROW, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Veterans Suicide Study  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) Suicide among the veteran population is a  
2           serious problem.

3           (2) There is lack of information on the number  
4           of veterans who commit suicide each year.

5 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON SUICIDES AMONG VETERANS.**

6           (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans  
7           Affairs shall conduct a study to determine the number of  
8           veterans who have committed suicide between January 1,  
9           1997 and the date of the enactment of this Act.

10          (b) **COORDINATION.**—In carrying out the study under  
11          subsection (a) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall co-  
12          ordinate with—

13                 (1) the Secretary of Defense;

14                 (2) Veterans Service Organizations; and

15                 (3) States public health offices and veterans  
16          agencies.

17          (c) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 180 days  
18          after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
19          Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the  
20          study required under subsection (a) and the findings of  
21          the Secretary.

22          (d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
23          are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
24          necessary to carry out this Act.

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