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# H. R. 6431

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress reports in electronic form.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2008

Mr. BUYER 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 “Department of Vet-  
5 erans Affairs Electronic Reporting Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS TO CONGRESS BY SEC-**  
2 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN ELEC-**  
3 **TRONIC FORM.**

4 (a) SUBMISSION OF REPORTS.—Chapter 1 of title 38,  
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following:

7 **“§ 117. Reports to Congress: submission in electronic**  
8 **form**

9 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Whenever the Secretary or  
10 any other official of the Department is required by law  
11 to submit to Congress (or any committee of either House  
12 of Congress) a report, the Secretary or other official shall  
13 submit to Congress (or such committee) a copy of the re-  
14 port in an electronic format.

15 “(b) TREATMENT.—The submission of a copy of a  
16 report in accordance with this section shall be treated as  
17 meeting any requirement of law to submit such report to  
18 Congress (or any committee of either House of Congress).

19 “(c) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section,  
20 the term ‘report’ includes any certification, notification,  
21 or other communication in writing.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
24 at the end the following new item:

“117. Reports to Congress: submission in electronic form.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 117 of title 38,  
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall  
3 apply with respect to a report submitted after the date  
4 that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
5 Act.

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