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To provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and
for other purposes.

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Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. BIGGS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. CARL, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. KELLER, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. CORREA, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. LAMB, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. PENCE, and Mr. GALLAGHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled
veterans, and for other purposes.

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 Expedited
5 TSA Screening Safe Travel Act” or the “VETS Safe
6 Travel Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF PRECHECK PROGRAM TO CER-**
2 **TAIN SEVERELY INJURED OR DISABLED VET-**
3 **ERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44927 of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(g) AVAILABILITY OF PRECHECK PROGRAM TO
8 CERTAIN SEVERELY INJURED OR DISABLED VET-
9 ERANS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A veteran described in
11 paragraph (2) is eligible for security screening under
12 the PreCheck Program under section 44919 at no
13 cost to the veteran if the veteran is able to meet the
14 background check and other security requirements
15 for participation in the program.

16 “(2) VETERANS DESCRIBED.—A veteran de-
17 scribed in this paragraph is a veteran who—

18 “(A) is enrolled in the patient enrollment
19 system of the Department of Veterans Affairs
20 established and operated under section 1705 of
21 title 38, United States Code;

22 “(B) has—

23 “(i) lost, or lost use of, a limb;

24 “(ii) become paralyzed or partially
25 paralyzed; or

1 “(iii) incurred permanent blindness;

2 and

3 “(C) as a result of a loss, paralyzation or
4 partial paralyzation, or blindness described in
5 subparagraph (B), requires the use of a wheel-
6 chair, prosthetic limb, or other assistive device
7 to aid with mobility.”.

8 (b) COORDINATION ON IMPLEMENTATION.—The Ad-
9 ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration
10 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly—

11 (1) develop and implement a process under
12 which a veteran described in paragraph (2) of sub-
13 section (g) of section 44927 of title 49, United
14 States Code, as added by subsection (a), can receive
15 the benefits under such subsection by not later than
16 one year after the date of enactment of this Act; and

17 (2) provide to Congress a briefing on the status
18 of implementing the process required by paragraph
19 (1) by not later than one year after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 3. OUTREACH FOR DISABLED VETERANS ON AVAIL-**
22 **ABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AD-**
23 **MINISTRATION PROGRAMS.**

24 (a) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
25 fairs and the Administrator of the Transportation Secu-

1 rity Administration shall develop and implement a process
2 under which the Secretary provides to disabled veterans
3 effective outreach about Transportation Security Adminis-
4 tration programs designed to improve the screening proc-
5 ess for passengers with disabilities.

6 (b) FURTHER ENHANCEMENTS TO EASE AIR TRAV-
7 EL FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS AND OTHER DISABLED
8 VETERANS.—Notwithstanding section 3501 et seq. of title
9 44, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Pa-
10 perwork Reduction Act”), or any other provision of law,
11 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the
12 Administrator of the Transportation Security Administra-
13 tion, shall—

14 (1) engage appropriate veterans service organi-
15 zations and other relevant organizations, as appro-
16 priate, to assess the awareness of veterans of rel-
17 evant Transportation Security Administration pro-
18 grams; and

19 (2) examine the need and feasibility of other
20 measures to improve travel security procedures for
21 disabled veterans.

22 (c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
23 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary of Veterans Affairs and the Administrator of
25 Transportation Security Administration shall jointly pro-

- 1 vide to Congress a briefing on the status of the implemen-
- 2 tation of subsections (a) and (b).

