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H. R. 5490

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a personal identification number for each veteran in order to help preserve the confidentiality of Department of Veterans Affairs information on veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Veterans Identification
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PERSONAL**
2 **IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR VETERANS.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PIN NUMBER.**—The Sec-
4 retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a national data-
5 base of each veteran who receives benefits, or applies for
6 benefits, under laws administered by the Secretary. As
7 part of the database, the Secretary shall assign to each
8 such veteran a four-digit personal identification number
9 (referred to as a PIN code).

10 (b) **VERIFICATION OF PIN CODE.**—The Secretary
11 shall take such steps as necessary to provide that any enti-
12 ty entering into a commercial transaction with a veteran
13 that includes the extension to the veteran of credit, a loan,
14 or any other thing of value shall verify the veteran's iden-
15 tity through the use of the personal identification number
16 for that veteran assigned under subsection (a).

17 (c) **FAILURE TO VERIFY IDENTITY OF VETERAN.**—
18 In any case in which an entity is required, pursuant to
19 the procedures established under subsection (b), to verify
20 an individual's identity and the entity fails to verify the
21 identity, then that entity shall be liable to that individual
22 for all attorney fees and injuries incurred by that indi-
23 vidual resulting from that failure.

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