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H. R. 2391

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Women's Bureau.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS 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. ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S BUREAU IN THE**

4 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing new section:

8 **“§ 318. Women's Bureau**

9 “(a) There shall be in the Department a bureau to
10 be known as the Women's Bureau. The bureau shall be

1 headed by a Director. The Director shall foster and pro-
2 mote standards and policies of the Department to improve
3 the welfare of veterans who are women.

4 “(b) The Director may assist in the development of
5 policies providing benefits and other services to veterans
6 who are women and to the dependents and beneficiaries
7 of those veterans.

8 “(c) The Director may investigate and report to the
9 Secretary upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of
10 veterans who are women. Other responsibilities of the Di-
11 rector shall be—

12 “(1) to provide outreach to veterans who are
13 women;

14 “(2) to act as a resource for, and provide con-
15 sultative services to, women veterans coordinators;
16 and

17 “(3) to provide oversight of all programs of the
18 Department applicable specifically or particularly to
19 veterans who are women, including well women clin-
20 ics, sexual trauma programs, and the women veter-
21 ans coordinator program.

22 “(d) The Director shall appoint an assistant Director
23 who shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by
24 the Director and approved by the Secretary.”.

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

“318. Women’s Bureau.”

