

SB-8

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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Bjornson of New York introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veteran Mental Health Act".

SECTION 2. VA BUDGET TO BE INCREASED, A CHANGE TO OPERATIONS INSTATED

There are hereby appropriated, of the Federal Welfare Budget, being 1.215 Trillion in fiscal year 2022, a 15% increase in VA budget, a sum of 17.85 billion allocated to the VA dedicated to mental health services and facilities. Along with the increase of budget, any current budgetary spending that is available, shall be diverted to mental health. Furthermore, the percentage disability is not to determine priority in mental cases, allowing all mental health disorders and afflictions to be priority one, however may still be utilized in the decision of Veterans benefits.

(1). An increase in VA budget, imperative to the allocation of State of the Art facilities and mental health professionals to ensure more timely diagnosis and more rapid appropriate treatment, to allow Veterans to feel secure and cared for, allowing a higher level of importance to be placed on their lives, along with a higher attention to their mental disorders and afflictions to be dealt with, prior to the action of suicide. Furthermore, through this the level of awareness will be automatically raised.

(2). Abolition of disability percentage in the determination of priority in mental health cases, the objective of which, to treat all mental health disorders and afflictions as serious in nature and equal in intensity. However disability percentage may still be instated for all physical cases in determination of priority, furthermore may still be utilized to measure Veteran benefits in mental cases.

SECTION 3. TIMELINE

Let it be hereby stated this bill is to take effect sixty (60) days after being passed by the Senate and signed by the President, or thereby a Veto is overturned.