

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7678

To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to direct the Secretary of Defense to include a description of programs to address and reduce the stigma associated with seeking assistance for mental health or suicidal thoughts in a report.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2020

Mr. BRINDISI (for himself and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Military Mental Health
5 Stigma Reduction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTS ON SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS**
2 **AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **DEFENSE.**

4 Section 741(a)(2) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133
6 Stat. 1467) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new subparagraph:

8 “(J) A description of the programs carried
9 out by the military departments to address and
10 reduce the stigma associated with seeking as-
11 sistance for mental health or suicidal
12 thoughts.”.

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