AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620

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Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 11. USE OF DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY TO**
2 **SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS.**

3 (a) USE OF DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than
5 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that
7 veterans seeking health care appointments at med-
8 ical facilities of the Department are able to use an
9 Internet website, a mobile application, or other simi-
10 lar electronic method to use distributed ledger tech-
11 nology to view such appointments and ascertain
12 whether an employee of the Department of Veterans
13 Affairs has modified such appointments.

14 (2) CONTRACTS.—The Secretary shall carry out
15 paragraph (1) by seeking to enter into one or more
16 contracts with appropriate entities to develop the ap-
17 pointment distributed ledger technology system de-
18 scribed in such paragraph.

1   (3) PRIVACY AND OWNERSHIP OF INFORMA-

2   TION.—Any information relating to a veteran that is

3   used or transmitted pursuant to this section—

4   (A) shall be treated in accordance with sec-

5   tion 552a of title 5, United States Code (com-

6   monly referred to as the ''Privacy Act'') and

7   other applicable laws and regulations relating to

8   the privacy of the veteran;

9   (B) may only be used by an employee or

10   contractor of the Department of Veterans Af-

11   fairs to carry out paragraph (1); and

12   (C) may not be disclosed to any person

13   who is not the veteran or such an employee or

14   contractor unless the veteran provides consent

15   to such disclosure.

16   (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date

17 on which the Secretary commences subsection (a)(1), the

18 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the imple-

19 mentation of this section.

20   (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21   (1) The term ''distributed ledger technology''

22   means technology using a consensus of replicated,

23   shared, and synchronized digital data that is geo-

24   graphically spread across multiple digital systems.

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1   (2) The term "mobile application" means a
2 software program that runs on the operating system
3 of a mobile device.

4   (3) The term "mobile device" means a
5 smartphone, tablet computer, or similar portable
6 computing device that transmits data over a wireless
7 connection.

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