

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1181, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MS. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the  
following:

1 **SECTION 1. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON OPER-**  
2 **ATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL**  
3 **BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM WITH RE-**  
4 **SPECT TO VETERANS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United  
6 States shall conduct a study on the operation of the Na-  
7 tional Instant Criminal Background Check System with  
8 respect to veterans to make recommendations for the im-  
9 provement of such system.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
12 submit to Congress a report that includes each of the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 (1) A description and analysis of Department of  
15 Veterans Affairs practices for identifying and sub-  
16 mitting records of veterans to the Attorney General  
17 for purposes of the National Instant Criminal Back-  
18 ground Check System.

1           (2) An assessment of how the 21st Century  
2 Cures Act (Public Law 114–255) will impact current  
3 practice by the Department of Veterans Affairs to  
4 share mental health records for purposes of the Na-  
5 tional Instant Criminal Background Check System.

6           (3) A review of the number of veterans cur-  
7 rently prohibited from possessing or receiving fire-  
8 arms by reason of a determination made by the De-  
9 partment of Veterans Affairs, including a breakdown  
10 of all service-connected disabilities, by diagnostic  
11 code, that factored into such a determination.

12           (4) A review, by State and by year, of the num-  
13 bers of denials and delayed denial cases identified by  
14 the Federal Bureau of Investigation or referred to  
15 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms since  
16 2003 that involve individuals prohibited from pos-  
17 sessing or receiving firearms by reason of a deter-  
18 mination made by the Department of Veterans Af-  
19 fairs.

20           (5) The number of veterans who have com-  
21 mitted suicide using a firearm who were prohibited  
22 from possessing or receiving a firearm by reason of  
23 a determination made by the Department of Vet-  
24 erans Affairs or the application of any law.

1           (6) An analysis of how allowing all those indi-  
2           viduals who were previously determined to be men-  
3           tally incompetent by the Secretary of the Depart-  
4           ment of Veterans Affairs access to firearms would  
5           impact their risk for suicide, given that—

6                   (A) the mentally ill have a the heightened  
7                   risk of suicide;

8                   (B) veterans attempt suicide at a higher  
9                   rate than the general population; and

10                   (C) 90 percent of suicide attempts by fire-  
11                   arm are completed.

12           (7) Recommendations for any legislative or ad-  
13           ministrative actions that could improve the process  
14           used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to pro-  
15           vide information for purposes of the National In-  
16           stant Criminal Background Check System or to  
17           make determinations affecting the ability of a vet-  
18           eran to possess or receive a firearm, under including  
19           determinations, notice, and appeals for veterans.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the  
Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a  
study and submit a report on the operation of the Na-  
tional Instant Criminal Background Check System with  
respect to veterans, and for other purposes.”.

