Page 175, after line 24, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 575. REPORT REGARDING POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS
2 TO PROCESSING RETIREMENTS AND MEDICAL DISCHARGES.
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4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans
7 Affairs, shall issue a report to the congressional defense
8 committees and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
9 the Senate and House of Representatives regarding possi-
10 ble improvements to the transition of members of the
11 Armed Forces to veteran status.
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13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
14 shall address the following:
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16 (1) Feasibility of requiring members of the
17 Armed Forces to apply for benefits administered by
18 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs before such mem-
19 bers complete discharge from the Armed Forces.
(2) Feasibility of requiring members of the Armed Forces to undergo compensation and pension examinations (to be administered by the Secretary of Defense) for purposes of obtaining benefits described in paragraph (1) before such members complete discharge from active duty in the Armed Forces.

(3) Possible improvements to the timeliness of the process for transitioning members who undergo medical discharge to care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.