

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4366, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GARBARINO OF NEW YORK**

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert
the following:

1 SEC. 419. (a) REVIEW OF CERTAIN VETERANS'
2 DEATHS BY SUICIDE REQUIRED.—Not later than 18
3 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
4 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall complete a review of
5 the deaths of all covered veterans who died by suicide dur-
6 ing the five-year period preceding the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act. Such review shall include—

8 (1) the total number of veterans who died by
9 suicide during the five-year period preceding the
10 date of the enactment of this Act;

11 (2) a summary of such veterans that includes
12 the age, gender, and race of such veterans;

13 (3) a comprehensive list of the medications pre-
14 scribed to, and found in the systems of, such vet-
15 erans at the time of their deaths, specifically listing
16 any medications that carried a black box warning,
17 were off-label, psychotropic, or carried warnings that
18 included suicidal ideation;

1 (4) a summary of medical diagnoses by Depart-
2 ment of Veterans Affairs physicians which led to the
3 prescribing of the medications referred to in para-
4 graph (3);

5 (5) the number of instances in which the vet-
6 eran who died by suicide was concurrently on mul-
7 tiple medications prescribed by Department of Vet-
8 erans Affairs physicians;

9 (6) the percentage of veterans who died by sui-
10 cide who were not taking any medication prescribed
11 by a Department of Veterans Affairs physician;

12 (7) the percentage of veterans referred to in
13 paragraph (1) with combat experience or trauma
14 (including, but not limited to military sexual trauma,
15 traumatic brain injury, and post-traumatic stress);

16 (8) Veteran Health Administration facilities
17 with markedly high prescription and suicide rates of
18 patients being treated at those facilities;

19 (9) a description of Department of Veterans Af-
20 fairs policies governing the prescribing of medica-
21 tions referred to in paragraph (3);

22 (10) any patterns apparent to the Secretary
23 based on the review; and

24 (11) recommendations for further action that
25 would improve the safety and well-being of veterans.

1 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the completion of the review required under sub-
3 section (a), the Secretary shall—

4 (1) submit to Congress a report on the results
5 of the review; and

6 (2) make such report publicly available.

7 (c) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “covered veteran” means any vet-
9 eran who received hospital care or medical services
10 furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs
11 during the five-year period preceding the death of
12 the veteran.

13 (2) The term “black box warning” means a
14 warning displayed within a box in the prescribing in-
15 formation for drugs that have special problems, par-
16 ticularly ones that may lead to death or serious in-
17 jury.

