AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. AGUILAR OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end the following new section:

SEC. 11. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FURNISHING AND CORRECTING OF RECORDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) In general.—Section 5702 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(c)(1) The Secretary shall furnish each record described in paragraph (3) by not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary receives the request for such record.

“(2) If the Secretary is unable to furnish a record during the 30-day period required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall inform the person requesting the record of—

“(A) the reason for the delay; and

“(B) the estimated date on which the Secretary will furnish the record.

“(3) The records described in this paragraph are any of the following:
“(A) A record requested in an application made under subsection (a).

“(B) A record not covered under subparagraph (A) that—

“(i) relates to the military service or medical records of a veteran; and

“(ii) the Secretary is otherwise authorized to furnish to the person requesting the record.

“(d)(1) Any person whose records are in the custody of the Secretary may request that the Secretary correct errors in such records.

“(2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary receives a request by a person to correct a record under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) make such correction; or

“(B) deny such request and inform the person of the reasons for such denial.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is further amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting “and correcting” after “Furnishing”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “requested under subsection (a)”.
(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 57 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 5702 and inserting the following:

"5702. Furnishing and correcting of records.".