

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. 1510**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. REPORT ON USE OF CAMERAS IN MEDICAL FA-**  
**2 CILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
**3 ERANS AFFAIRS.**

**4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year  
**5** after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
**6** of Veterans Affairs, in collaboration with the Office of Op-  
**7** erations, Security, and Preparedness of the Department  
**8** of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Health Administration,  
**9** and the Office of Construction and Facilities Management  
**10** of the Department, shall submit to the Committees on  
**11** Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
**12** resentatives a report analyzing the policies, use, and main-  
**13** tenance of cameras deployed by the Department for pa-  
**14** tient safety and law enforcement at medical facilities of  
**15** the Department.

**16 (b) ELEMENTS.**—The report required by subsection  
**17 (a)** shall include the following:

1 (1) A comprehensive review of the policies and  
2 procedures of the Department regarding the use and  
3 maintenance of cameras with respect to the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 (A) Patient safety, including—

6 (i) an analysis of how cameras are  
7 used to monitor staff and patients;

8 (ii) an analysis of the specific units  
9 within medical facilities in which the use of  
10 cameras is prioritized to protect patient  
11 safety;

12 (iii) an analysis of the procedures re-  
13 garding the positioning of cameras;

14 (iv) an analysis of the extent to which  
15 cameras monitor locations where drugs are  
16 stored to ensure that drugs are accounted  
17 for, and an assessment of whether this is  
18 a widely used practice; and

19 (v) an analysis of the actions taken to  
20 preserve and protect patient privacy.

21 (B) Law enforcement of medical facilities  
22 of the Department, including—

23 (i) how exterior cameras are used;

24 (ii) how interior cameras are used;

25 and

1 (iii) an analysis of locations, interior  
2 and exterior, in which camera use is  
3 prioritized.

4 (2) Recommendations of the Secretary to im-  
5 prove patient safety and law enforcement, includ-  
6 ing—

7 (A) the placement and maintenance of  
8 cameras;

9 (B) the storage of data from such cameras;

10 (C) the authority of supervisors at medical  
11 facilities of the Department to review record-  
12 ings from cameras;

13 (D) the number of staff required to mon-  
14 itor live footage from cameras at each medical  
15 facility of the Department;

16 (E) the funding necessary to address  
17 shortfalls with respect to cameras and the spe-  
18 cific uses for such funding;

19 (F) any additional actions required to pre-  
20 serve and protect patient privacy; and

21 (G) such other matters the Secretary de-  
22 termines appropriate.

23 (c) CAMERA DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
24 “camera” means any video camera used in a medical facil-  
25 ity of the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes

1 of patient safety or law enforcement, but does not include  
2 cameras used solely by the Inspector General of the De-  
3 partment of Veterans Affairs to assist in criminal inves-  
4 tigations conducted by the Inspector General.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of cameras in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.”.

