

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NA-
TURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO THE COMMITTEE
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 12___ . USE OF ON-SITE REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE**
2 **TREATMENT SYSTEMS AT DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES.**

4 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF FACILITIES.—The Secretary
5 of Veterans Affairs shall identify Department of Veterans
6 Affairs facilities that would benefit from cost savings asso-
7 ciated with the use of an on-site regulated medical waste
8 treatment system over a five-year period.

9 (b) REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE COST ANALYSIS
10 MODEL.—For purposes of carrying out subsection (a), the
11 Secretary shall develop a uniform regulated medical waste
12 cost analysis model to be used to determine the cost sav-
13 ings associated with the use of an on-site regulated med-
14 ical waste treatment system at Department facilities. Such
15 model shall be designed to calculate savings based on—

16 (1) the cost of treating regulated medical waste
17 at an off-site location under a contract with a non-
18 Department entity; compared to

1 (2) the cost of treating regulated medical waste
2 on-site, based on the equipment specification of
3 treatment system manufacturers, with capital costs
4 amortized over a ten-year period.

5 (c) INSTALLATION.—At each Department facility
6 identified under subsection (a), the Secretary shall secure,
7 install, and operate an on-site regulated medical waste
8 treatment system.

9 (d) USE OF BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT.—
10 Any medical waste treatment system purchased pursuant
11 to this section shall be purchased under the blanket pur-
12 chase agreement known as the “VHA Regulated Medical
13 Waste On-Site Treatment Equipment Systems Blanket
14 Purchase Agreement” or any successor, contract, agree-
15 ment, or other arrangement.

16 (e) REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE DEFINED.—In
17 this section, the term “regulated medical waste” has the
18 meaning given such term under section 173.134(a)(5) of
19 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, concerning regu-
20 lated medical waste and infectious substances, or any suc-
21 cessor regulation, except that, in the case of an applicable
22 State law that is more expansive, the definition in the
23 State law shall apply.

1 (f) FUNDING.—Of the amounts appropriated to the
2 Department of Veterans Affairs under this title,
3 \$1,000,000 shall be available to carry out this section.

