

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 291
OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Vet-
3 erans Affairs Creation of On-Site Treatment Systems Af-
4 fording Veterans Improvements and Numerous General
5 Safety Enhancements Act” or the “VA COST SAVINGS
6 Enhancements Act”.

7 SEC. 2. USE OF ON-SITE REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE
8 TREATMENT SYSTEMS AT DEPARTMENT OF
9 VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES.

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

15 (b) REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE COST ANALYSIS
16 MODEL.—For purposes of carrying out subsection (a), the
17 Secretary shall develop a uniform regulated medical waste
18 cost analysis model to be used to determine the cost sav-

1 ings associated with the use of an on-site regulated med-
2 ical waste treatment system at Department facilities. Such
3 model shall be designed to calculate savings based on—

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

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

11 (c) INSTALLATION.—At each Department facility
12 identified under subsection (a), the Secretary shall secure,
13 install, and operate an on-site regulated medical waste
14 treatment system.

15 (d) REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE DEFINED.—In
16 this section, the term “regulated medical waste” means
17 the following:

18 (1) Waste or reusable material covered under
19 section 173.134(a)(5) of title 49, Code of Federal
20 Regulations.

21 (2) With respect to Department facilities lo-
22 cated in a State that the Secretary determines has
23 a State law defining medical waste in a more pre-
24 scriptive manner than such section 173.134(a)(5),

1 such waste that would be covered under that State
2 law.

3 **SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

4 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
5 priated to carry out the requirements of this Act. Such
6 requirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise
7 authorized to be appropriated.

