

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4278**  
**OFFERED BY Mr. Mrvan**

Add at the end the following new sections:

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON CERTAIN COSTS ARISING FROM IMPLE-**  
2 **MENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
3 **AFFAIRS ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHISTLE-**  
4 **BLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2017.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-  
7 erans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’  
8 Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
9 a report that includes a statement of the total sum of  
10 costs, during the covered period—

11 (1) to the United States arising from the imple-  
12 mentation of title II of the Department of Veterans  
13 Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection  
14 Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–41); and

15 (2) to the Department of Veterans Affairs aris-  
16 ing from attorneys employed by the Department rep-  
17 resenting the Department in appeals initiated pursu-  
18 ant to section 713 or section 714 of title 38, United  
19 States Code, before the Merit Systems Protection  
20 Board or a Federal court.

1 (b) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section, the  
2 term “covered period” means the period beginning on the  
3 date of the enactment of the Department of Veterans Af-  
4 fairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of  
5 2017 and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 The amendments made by sections 2, 3, and 4 shall  
8 take effect on the date on which the Secretary of Veterans  
9 Affairs submits the report under section 5.

