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# H. R. 7683

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Fiscal Manage-  
5 ment Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY OF**  
2 **THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MANAGE-**  
3 **MENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
4 **AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 309 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows (and the table  
7 of sections at the beginning of chapter 3 of such title is  
8 amended accordingly):

9 **“§ 309. Chief Financial Officer; Office of Management**

10 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall designate  
11 the Assistant Secretary for Management, whose functions  
12 include budgetary and financial functions, as the Chief Fi-  
13 nancial Officer of the Department.

14 “(b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Chief Financial Of-  
15 ficer include the following:

16 “(1) To advise the Secretary on financial man-  
17 agement of the Department.

18 “(2) To formulate, justify, and execute the  
19 budget of the Department.

20 “(3) To control, account for, audit, and report  
21 on the finances of the Department.

22 “(4) To exercise the authority and carry out the  
23 functions specified in section 902 of title 31.

24 “(5) To ensure compliance with sections 1341,  
25 1342, 1349, 1350, and 1511 through 1519 of title

1       31 (commonly referred to as ‘the Antideficiency  
2       Act’).

3               “(6) To provide to Congress (or a congressional  
4       committee), upon request, information regarding the  
5       budget and finances of the Department.

6               “(7) To serve as the head of the Office of Man-  
7       agement of the Department.

8               “(c) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.—(1) There  
9       is in the Department a Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
10       Management for Planning and Budget.

11              “(2) There is in the Department a Deputy Assistant  
12       Secretary for Management for Financial Operations and  
13       Internal Controls. Such Deputy Assistant Secretary shall  
14       be a career appointee (as that term is defined in section  
15       3132(a) of title 5) within the Senior Executive Service of  
16       the Department.

17              “(d) OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT.—There is in the De-  
18       partment an Office of Management.

19              “(e) LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET IN-  
20       FORMATION OFFICE.—(1) There is within the Office of  
21       Management a Legislative and Congressional Budget In-  
22       formation Office (in this subsection referred to as the  
23       ‘LCBI Office’). The Chief Financial Officer shall appoint  
24       a head of the LCBI Office who shall report exclusively  
25       to the Chief Financial Officer.

1           “(2) The sole function of the LCBI Office is to pro-  
2 vide to Congress (or a congressional committee), accurate,  
3 timely, and certified information regarding the finances  
4 and budget of the Department.

5           “(3) Congress or a congressional committee may sub-  
6 mit a request for information described in paragraph (2)  
7 directly to the LCBI Office.

8           “(4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) notwithstanding, the As-  
9 sistant Secretary for Congressional & Legislative Affairs  
10 shall respond to a request described in paragraph (3) sub-  
11 mitted to the Office of Congressional and Legislative Af-  
12 fairs.

13           “(5) Not more than six full-time equivalent employ-  
14 ees, including supervisors, may be assigned to the LCBI  
15 Office.”.

16           (b) INCREASE TO NUMBER OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
17 SECRETARIES.—Section 308(d)(1) of such title is amend-  
18 ed by striking “19” and inserting “21”.

19           (c) FINANCIAL EMPLOYEES.—Subchapter I of chap-  
20 ter 7 of such title is amended by inserting after section  
21 728 the following new section (and the table of sections  
22 at the beginning of such chapter is amended accordingly):

1 **“§ 729. Employees with certain financial authority:**  
2 **management; limitation on authority to**  
3 **appoint**

4 “(a) MANAGEMENT.—(1) An employee described in  
5 paragraph (2) shall report exclusively to the Chief Finan-  
6 cial Officer of the Department designated under section  
7 309 of this title.

8 “(2) An employee described in this paragraph is an  
9 employee of the Department—

10 “(A) whose position is that of chief financial of-  
11 ficer of an Administration of the Department or Vet-  
12 erans Integrated Service Network; or

13 “(B) whose duties are substantially similar to a  
14 position described in subparagraph (A).

15 “(3) An employee described in paragraph (2) may not  
16 perform a programmatic or operational function in the  
17 Department.

18 “(b) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO APPOINT.—The  
19 Secretary may not establish a employee position—

20 “(1) that performs a function substantially  
21 similar to the function of the Legislative and Con-  
22 gressional Budget Information Office of the Depart-  
23 ment established under section 309(d) of this title;  
24 and

25 “(2) that is not within the Legislative and Con-  
26 gressional Budget Information Office.”.

1           (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans  
2 Affairs shall carry out the amendments made by this sec-  
3 tion not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act.