

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BENISHEK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL REPORT ON VETERANS HEALTH AD-**
2 **MINISTRATION AND FURNISHING OF HOS-**
3 **PITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND NURS-**
4 **ING HOME CARE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 73 of title
6 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
7 the following new section:

8 **“§ 7330B. Annual report on Veterans Health Adminis-**
9 **tration and furnishing of hospital care,**
10 **medical services, and nursing home care**

11 “(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than [March 1]
12 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
13 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
14 resentatives a report on the furnishing of hospital care,
15 medical services, and nursing home care under the laws
16 administered by the Secretary and on the administration
17 of the provision of such care and services by the Veterans
18 Health Administration during the calendar year preceding
19 the calendar year during which the report is submitted.

20 “(b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each report required
21 by subsection (a) shall include each of the following for
22 the year covered by the report:

23 “(1) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the
24 Veterans Health Administration program in increas-
25 ing the access of veterans eligible for hospital care,

1 medical services, and nursing home care furnished
2 by the Secretary to such care.

3 “(2) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the
4 Veterans Health Administration in improving the
5 quality of health care provided to such veterans,
6 without increasing the costs incurred by the Govern-
7 ment or such veterans.

8 “(3) An assessment of—

9 “(A) the workload of physicians and other
10 employees of the Veterans Health Administra-
11 tion;

12 “(B) patient demographics and utilization
13 rates;

14 “(C) physician compensation;

15 “(D) the productivity of physicians and
16 other employees of the Veterans Health Admin-
17 istration;

18 “(E) the percentage of hospital care, med-
19 ical services, and nursing home care provided to
20 such veterans in Department facilities and in
21 non-Department facilities and any changes in
22 such percentages compared to the year pre-
23 ceeding the year covered by the report; and

24 “(F) pharmaceutical prices.

1 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘hos-
2 pital care’, ‘medical services’, ‘nursing home care’, and
3 ‘non-Department facilities’ have the meanings given such
4 terms in section 1701 of this title.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
6 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
7 after the item relating to section 7330A the following new
8 item:

 “7330B. Annual report on Veterans Health Administration and furnishing of
 hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care.”.