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H. R. 2256

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 May 12, 2015

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited a the "Veterans Information Modernization Act".

SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND FURNISHING OF HOSPITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND NURSING HOME CARE.

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

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

"(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care under the laws administered by the Secretary and on the administration of the provision of such care and services by the Veterans Health Administration during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which the report is submitted.

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

"(1) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the Veterans Health Administration program in increasing 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, which includes the relevant
8 information for each medical center and Veterans
9 Integrated Service Network of the Department set
10 forth separately.
11 "(3) An assessment of—
12 "(A) the workload of physicians and other
13 employees of the Veterans Health Administra-
14 tion;
15 "(B) patient demographics and utilization
16 rates;
17 "(C) physician compensation;
18 "(D) the productivity of physicians and
19 other employees of the Veterans Health Admin-
20 istration;
21 "(E) the percentage of hospital care, med-
22 ical services, and nursing home care provided to
23 such veterans in Department facilities and in
24 non-Department facilities and any changes in

1 such percentages compared to the year pre-
2 ceding the year covered by the report; and
3 "(F) pharmaceutical prices.
4 "(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms 'hos-
5 pital care', 'medical services', 'nursing home care', and
6 'non-Department facilities' have the meanings given such
7 terms in section 1701 of this title.".
8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
10 after the item relating to section 7330A the following new
11 item:

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