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117TH CONGRESS
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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of video cameras for patient safety and law enforcement at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____ 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Camera Re-
5 porting Act” or the “VCR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON USE OF CAMERAS AT MEDICAL CEN-**
2 **TERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs, in collaboration with the Office of Op-
7 erations, Security, and Preparedness of the Department
8 of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Health Administration,
9 and the Office of Construction and Facilities Management
10 of the Department, shall submit to the Committee on Vet-
11 erans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Vet-
12 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report
13 analyzing the policies, use, and maintenance of cameras
14 deployed by the Department for patient safety and law
15 enforcement at medical centers of the Department.

16 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required by subsection
17 (a) shall include the following:

18 (1) A comprehensive review of the policies and
19 procedures of the Department regarding the use and
20 maintenance of cameras at medical centers of the
21 Department with respect to the following:

22 (A) Patient safety, including—

23 (i) an analysis of how cameras are
24 used to monitor staff and patients;

25 (ii) an analysis of the specific units
26 within medical centers in which the use of

1 cameras is prioritized to protect patient
2 safety;

3 (iii) an analysis of the procedures re-
4 garding the positioning of cameras; and

5 (iv) an analysis of the extent to which
6 cameras monitor locations where drugs are
7 stored to ensure that drugs are accounted
8 for, and an assessment of whether that is
9 a widely used practice.

10 (B) Law enforcement, including—

11 (i) how exterior cameras are used;

12 (ii) how interior cameras are used;

13 and

14 (iii) an analysis of locations, interior
15 and exterior, in which use of cameras is
16 prioritized.

17 (2) Recommendations of the Secretary to im-
18 prove patient safety and law enforcement, includ-
19 ing—

20 (A) the placement and maintenance of
21 cameras at medical centers of the Department;

22 (B) the storage of data from such cameras;

23 (C) the authority of supervisors at medical
24 centers of the Department to review recordings
25 from such cameras;

1 (D) the number of staff required to mon-
2 itor live footage from such cameras at each
3 medical center of the Department;

4 (E) the funding necessary to address
5 shortfalls with respect to the use of such cam-
6 eras and the specific uses for such funding; and

7 (F) such other matters as the Secretary
8 determines appropriate.

9 (c) CAMERA DEFINED.—In this section, the term
10 “camera” means any video camera used at a medical cen-
11 ter of the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes
12 of patient safety or law enforcement.