

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 41  
OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER-MEEKS OF IOWA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “VA Same-Day Sched-  
3 uling Act of 2023”.

**4 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR TIMELY SCHEDULING OF AP-  
5 POINTMENTS AT MEDICAL FACILITIES OF DE-  
6 PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

7       (a) REQUIREMENT.—Chapter 17 of title 38, United  
8 States Code, is amended—

9           (1) by redesignating section 1706A as section  
10       1706B; and

11           (2) by inserting after section 1706 the following  
12       new section:

**13 “§ 1706A. Management of health care: timely sched-  
14 uling of appointments at Department fa-  
15 cilities**

16       “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULING.—In man-  
17 aging the provision of hospital care and medical services  
18 at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs

1 under this chapter, the Secretary shall ensure that when-  
2 ever a covered veteran contacts the Department by tele-  
3 phone to request the scheduling of an appointment for  
4 care or services for the covered veteran at such a facility,  
5 the scheduling for the appointment occurs during that  
6 telephone call (regardless of the prospective date of the  
7 appointment being scheduled).

8 “(b) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,  
9 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who is enrolled  
10 in the system of patient enrollment of the Department  
11 under section 1705(a) of this title.”

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by striking  
14 the item relating to section 1706A and inserting the fol-  
15 lowing new items:

“1706A. Management of health care: timely scheduling of appointments at De-  
partment facilities.

“1706B. Remediation of medical service lines.”

16 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
17 section (a) shall apply with respect to requests for appoint-  
18 ment scheduling occurring on or after the date that is 180  
19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

