

**[DISCUSSION DRAFT]**115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors.

---

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

M\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

---

**A BILL**

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors.

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. MEDICAL SURGICAL PRIME VENDOR PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) VENDORS.—In procuring certain medical, sur-  
6 gical, and dental supplies, prosthetics, or laboratory sup-  
7 plies for medical centers of the Department of Veterans  
8 Affairs, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out

1 the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program, or successor  
2 program, in a manner that—

3 (1) requires the Secretary to award contracts to  
4 multiple regional prime vendors instead of a single  
5 nationwide prime vendor; and

6 (2) prohibits—

7 (A) a prime vendor from solely designing  
8 the formulary of such supplies; and

9 (B) a prime vendor from solely purchasing  
10 from such formulary.

11 (b) FORMULARY.—The Secretary shall ensure that  
12 the formulary of supplies under the Medical Surgical  
13 Prime Vendor program, or successor program, consists  
14 of—

15 (1) by not later than one year after the date of  
16 the enactment of this Act, between 20,000 and  
17 33,333 items; and

18 (2) by not later than two years after the date  
19 of the enactment of this Act, between 30,000 and  
20 50,000 items.