

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system to manage supply chains for medical facilities of 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 “VA Supply Chain Man-
5 agement System Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLY CHAINS FOR MEDICAL**
2 **FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided by para-
6 graph (2), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
7 only carry out a covered information technology sys-
8 tem if—

9 (A) the system meets the requirements
10 under subsection (b); and

11 (B) the system does not require the use of
12 a specific contract to procure supplies.

13 (2) **EXCEPTION.**—Paragraph (1) shall not
14 apply with respect to information technology systems
15 used by the Secretary at joint facilities of the De-
16 partment of Veterans Affairs and the Department of
17 Defense.

18 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary shall ensure
19 that a covered information technology system meets the
20 following requirements:

21 (1) The system shall be cloud-based.

22 (2) The system shall include—

23 (A) inventory management of both expend-
24 able and nonexpendable items, with respect to
25 both—

26 (i) physical inventory; and

1 (ii) perpetual inventory;

2 (B) management of the receipt of such
3 items, with respect to—

4 (i) intake;

5 (ii) returns; and

6 (iii) the identification of such items
7 that are recalled;

8 (C) management of the storage of such
9 items described in subparagraph (A), with re-
10 spect to—

11 (i) local storage; and

12 (ii) centralized storage at a medical
13 facility or warehousing at a different loca-
14 tion for one or more medical facilities;

15 (D) management of the distribution such
16 items;

17 (E) the generation and scanning of
18 barcodes; and

19 (F) reporting, consisting of—

20 (i) standard or preexisting reports;

21 and

22 (ii) customizable or custom-generated
23 reports.

1 (3) The system shall include (either in the sys-
2 tem itself or through an interface with an external
3 information technology system)—

4 (A) capital asset management;

5 (B) ordering of such items described in
6 subparagraph (A);

7 (C) maintenance of a catalog of available
8 supplies; and

9 (D) disposal of such items.

10 (4) The system shall have existing interfaces
11 with or the capability to interface with—

12 (A) the Integrated Financial and Acquisi-
13 tion Management System of the Department of
14 Veterans Affairs; and

15 (B) the electronic health record systems of
16 the Department, including—

17 (i) the Veterans Health Information
18 Systems and Technology Architecture and
19 Computerized Patient Record System; and

20 (ii) the electronic health record system
21 established under the Electronic Health
22 Record Modernization Program (as defined
23 in section 503 of Veterans Benefits and
24 Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–
25 407; 38 U.S.C. 5701 note prec.).

1 (5) The system shall have the capacity to ac-
2 commodate not fewer than 50,000 users.

3 (6) The system shall include any other func-
4 tions, capabilities, or components as determined by
5 the Secretary.

6 (c) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select a covered
7 information technology system in accordance with the re-
8 quirements of chapter 33 of title 41, United States Code,
9 and the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and may include
10 competitive prototyping.

11 (d) COMPLETION OF IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
12 retary shall complete the implementation of a covered in-
13 formation technology system by not later than three years
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans
17 Affairs a total of **【\$_____】** for the implementation and
18 sustainment of a covered information technology system.

19 (f) COVERED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM
20 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered information
21 technology system” means an information technology sys-
22 tem for the management of supply chains in medical facili-
23 ties of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including with
24 respect to inventory and other functions.