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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to use weapon screening technology 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 “VA Security Screening
5 Pilot Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO USE WEAPON SCREENING**
2 **TECHNOLOGY AT MEDICAL CENTERS OF THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a pilot
8 program to use weapon screening technology at the
9 primary entrance of each medical center of the De-
10 partment of Veterans Affairs located in one VISN
11 selected by the Secretary.

12 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may omit from
13 the pilot program a medical center located in the
14 VISN selected if the Secretary—

15 (A) determines that—

16 (i) the Secretary already uses weapon
17 screening technology at the primary en-
18 trance of such medical center; or

19 (ii) the medical center has a staffing
20 shortage that makes participation in the
21 pilot program impracticable; and

22 (B) submits to the Committees on Vet-
23 erans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
24 resentatives written notice of such omission be-
25 fore the Secretary carries out the pilot program.

1 (b) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into an
2 agreement with an entity to acquire weapon screening
3 technology to carry out the pilot program. Any such agree-
4 ment shall terminate not later than the day the pilot pro-
5 gram terminates.

6 (c) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
7 nate two years after the Secretary begins to carry out the
8 pilot program.

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the pilot
10 program terminates, the Secretary, after consulting with
11 the director of the VISN selected and the director of each
12 medical center in such pilot program, shall submit to the
13 Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House
14 of Representatives a report on the pilot program. Such
15 report shall include the following:

16 (1) The determination of the Secretary of the
17 usefulness and effectiveness of the weapon screening
18 technology used.

19 (2) The satisfaction, determined by surveys con-
20 ducted by the Secretary, with such pilot program,
21 of—

22 (A) veterans who visited each medical cen-
23 ter during such pilot program;

24 (B) Department police officers; and

1 (C) employees of the Department who
2 worked at each such medical center during such
3 pilot program.

4 (3)) The determination of the Secretary wheth-
5 er—

6 (A) existing policies regarding security
7 screenings at medical centers of the Depart-
8 ment are appropriate; and

9 (B) to update any such policy.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “primary entrance” means the
12 entrance through which the most individuals pass on
13 average per day.

14 (2) The term “VISN” means a Veterans Inte-
15 grated Service Network.

16 (3) The term “weapon screening technology”
17 means technology designed to screen individuals for
18 weapons and other dangerous or prohibited items.