AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 291
OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Veterans Affairs Creation of On-Site Treatment Systems Affording Veterans Improvements and Numerous General Safety Enhancements Act” or the “VA COST SAVINGS Enhancements Act”.

SEC. 2. USE OF ON-SITE REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES.

(a) IDENTIFICATION OF FACILITIES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall identify Department of Veterans Affairs facilities that would benefit from cost savings associated with the use of an on-site regulated medical waste treatment system over a five-year period.

(b) REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE COST ANALYSIS MODEL.—For purposes of carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall develop a uniform regulated medical waste cost analysis model to be used to determine the cost sav-
ings associated with the use of an on-site regulated med-
ical waste treatment system at Department facilities. Such
model shall be designed to calculate savings based on—

(1) the cost of treating regulated medical waste
at an off-site location under a contract with a non-
Department entity; compared to

(2) the cost of treating regulated medical waste
on-site, based on the equipment specification of
treatment system manufacturers, with capital costs
amortized over a ten-year period.

(c) INSTALLATION.—At each Department facility
identified under subsection (a), the Secretary shall secure,
install, and operate an on-site regulated medical waste
treatment system.

(d) REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE DEFINED.—In
this section, the term “regulated medical waste” means
the following:

(1) Waste or reusable material covered under
section 173.134(a)(5) of title 49, Code of Federal
Regulations.

(2) With respect to Department facilities lo-
cated in a State that the Secretary determines has
a State law defining medical waste in a more pre-
scriptive manner than such section 173.134(a)(5),
such waste that would be covered under that State law.

SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.

No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the requirements of this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated.