

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 7, 2009.

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1016) entitled “An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”, with the following

AMENDMENT:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Health Care*
3 *Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. PRESIDENT’S BUDGET SUBMISSION.***

5 *Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is*
6 *amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

7 *“(36) information on estimates of appropriations*
8 *for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which*
9 *the budget is submitted for the following medical care*
10 *accounts of the Veterans Health Administration, De-*
11 *partment of Veterans Affairs account:*

12 *“(A) Medical Services.*

13 *“(B) Medical Support and Compliance.*

14 *“(C) Medical Facilities.”.*

1 **SEC. 3. ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL**
2 **CARE ACCOUNTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 1 of title 38, United States
5 Code, is amended by inserting after section 116 the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§117. Advance appropriations for certain medical**
8 **care accounts**

9 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—For each fiscal year, beginning
10 with fiscal year 2011, discretionary new budget authority
11 provided in an appropriations Act for the medical care ac-
12 counts of the Department shall—

13 “(1) be made available for that fiscal year; and

14 “(2) include, for each such account, advance dis-
15 cretionary new budget authority that first becomes
16 available for the first fiscal year after the budget year.

17 “(b) *ESTIMATES REQUIRED.*—The Secretary shall in-
18 clude in documents submitted to Congress in support of the
19 President’s budget submitted pursuant to section 1105 of
20 title 31, United States Code, detailed estimates of the funds
21 necessary for the medical care accounts of the Department
22 for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the
23 budget is submitted.

24 “(c) *MEDICAL CARE ACCOUNTS.*—For purposes of this
25 section, the term ‘medical care accounts of the Department’
26 means the following medical care accounts of the Veterans

1 *Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs ac-*
 2 *count:*

3 “(1) *Medical Services.*

4 “(2) *Medical Support and Compliance.*

5 “(3) *Medical Facilities.*

6 “(d) *ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than July 31 of each*
 7 *year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress an annual re-*
 8 *port on the sufficiency of the Department’s resources for the*
 9 *next fiscal year beginning after the date of the submittal*
 10 *of the report for the provision of medical care. Such report*
 11 *shall also include estimates of the workload and demand*
 12 *data for that fiscal year.”.*

13 “(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at*
 14 *the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after*
 15 *the item relating to section 113 the following new line:*

 “117. *Advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts.”.*

16 **SEC. 4. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF THE ACCU-**
 17 **RACY OF VA MEDICAL CARE BUDGET SUBMIS-**
 18 **SION IN RELATION TO BASELINE HEALTH**
 19 **CARE MODEL PROJECTION.**

20 “(a) *REVIEW OF ACCURACY OF MEDICAL CARE BUDGET*
 21 *SUBMISSION.—The Comptroller General shall conduct a re-*
 22 *view of each budget of the President for a fiscal year that*
 23 *is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105(a) of title*
 24 *31 in order to assess whether or not the relevant components*
 25 *of the amounts requested in such budget for such fiscal year*

1 *for the medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans*
2 *Affairs specified in section 117(c) of title 38, United States*
3 *Code, as added by section 3, are consistent with estimates*
4 *of the resources required by the Department for the provi-*
5 *sion of medical care and services in such fiscal year, as*
6 *forecast using the Enrollee Health Care Projection Model,*
7 *or other methodologies used by the Department.*

8 *(b) REPORTS.—*

9 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after*
10 *the date of each year in 2011, 2012, and 2013, on*
11 *which the President submits the budget request for the*
12 *next fiscal year under section 1105 of title 31, United*
13 *States Code, the Comptroller General shall submit to*
14 *the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Appropriations,*
15 *and the Budget of the Senate and the Committees on*
16 *Veterans' Affairs, Appropriations, and the Budget of*
17 *the House of Representatives and to the Secretary a*
18 *report on the review conducted under subsection (a).*

19 *(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under this para-*
20 *graph shall include, for the fiscal year beginning in*
21 *the year in which such report is submitted, the fol-*
22 *lowing:*

23 *(A) An assessment of the review conducted*
24 *under subsection (a).*

25 *(B) The basis for such assessment.*

1 (C) *Such additional information as the*
2 *Comptroller General determines appropriate.*

3 (3) *AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC.—Each report*
4 *submitted under this subsection shall also be made*
5 *available to the public.*

Attest:

Clerk.

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