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S. 1547

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the dialysis pilot program implemented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and submit a report to Congress before expanding that program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 24), 2013

Mr. BURR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Dialysis Pilot
5 Program Review Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON EXPANSION OF DIALYSIS PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4 shall not expand the dialysis pilot program to any facility
5 that is not an initial facility until after the date that—

6 (1) the Secretary has implemented the dialysis
7 pilot program at each initial facility for a period of
8 not less than two years;

9 (2) an independent analysis of the dialysis pilot
10 program has been conducted at each initial facility;
11 and

12 (3) the report required by subsection (b) has
13 been submitted.

14 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 60 days after the date
15 of the completion of the independent analysis required by
16 subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall submit to Congress
17 a report that—

18 (1) includes the results of that independent
19 analysis; and

20 (2) addresses any recommendations with re-
21 spect to the dialysis pilot program provided in a re-
22 port prepared by the Government Accountability Of-
23 fice.

24 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

25 (1) **DIALYSIS PILOT PROGRAM.**—The term “di-
26 alysis pilot program” means the pilot demonstration

1 program established by the Secretary in 2009 to
2 provide dialysis care to patients at certain outpatient
3 facilities operated by the Department of Veterans
4 Affairs.

5 (2) INITIAL FACILITY.—The term “initial facil-
6 ity” means one of the four outpatient facilities iden-
7 tified by the Secretary to participate in the dialysis
8 pilot program prior to the date of the enactment of
9 this Act.

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