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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.

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## 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

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## 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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