

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 27

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring VA Em-
3 ployee Accountability Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RETENTION OF RECORDS OF REPRIMANDS AND AD-**
5 **MONISHMENTS RECEIVED BY EMPLOYEES OF**
6 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

10 **“§ 719. Record of reprimands and admonishments**

11 “If any employee of the Department receives a rep-
12 rimand or admonishment, the Secretary shall retain a
13 copy of such reprimand or admonishment in the perma-
14 nent record of the employee as long as the employee is
15 employed by the Department.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
17 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
18 at the end the following new item:

“719. Record of reprimands and admonishments.”.

Passed the House of Representatives January 3,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.