

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 501

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. WALBERG) introduced the following bill;  
which was 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 “VA Transparency En-  
5 hancement Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS OF MEDICAL FA-  
8 CILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-  
9 FAIRS.—Not later than 30 days after the end of each cal-

1 endar quarter, each director of a medical facility of the  
2 Department of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Sec-  
3 retary of Veterans Affairs a report regarding the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 (1) With respect to surgical infections—

6 (A) the number of patients who contracted  
7 an infection as a result of a surgery performed  
8 at such medical facility during the previous  
9 quarter; and

10 (B) a brief summary of each such case of  
11 infection.

12 (2) With respect to cancelled or transferred sur-  
13 geries—

14 (A) the number of surgeries scheduled to  
15 be performed at the medical facility during the  
16 previous quarter that were cancelled or trans-  
17 ferred to another medical facility;

18 (B) the reason each such surgery was can-  
19 celled or transferred; and

20 (C) the number of additional days each  
21 such patient had to wait for surgery because of  
22 cancellation or transfer.

23 (b) REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS  
24 AFFAIRS.—Not later than 60 days after the end of each  
25 calendar quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

1           (1) submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-  
2           fairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
3           the reports under subsection (a) and a summary of  
4           such reports; and

5           (2) publish on the website of the Department  
6           the summary under paragraph (1) and the reports  
7           under subsection (a).

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