

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9463

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require that non-citizen appointees to positions in the Veterans Health Administration are subjected to background investigations prior to employment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Mr. WENSTRUP introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Recruitment Improve-
5 ment for Service Excellence at VA Hospitals Act” or the
6 “RISE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT NON-CITIZEN APPOINTEES IN**
2 **VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ARE**
3 **SUBJECTED TO BACKGROUND INVESTIGA-**
4 **TIONS PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT.**

5 Section 7407(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting (1) before “When”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(2) A person may not be appointed under paragraph
11 (1) unless the person has been subjected to a background
12 investigation.”.

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