

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 3311

To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate conflicts of interest in peer review for quality management of care conducted by the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 2, 2025

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Ms. SLOTKIN) 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 Affairs Peer
5 Review Neutrality Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN PEER**
 2 **REVIEW FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT OF**
 3 **CARE PROVIDED BY VETERANS HEALTH AD-**
 4 **MINISTRATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of
 6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
 7 section 7311A the following new section:

8 **“§ 7311B. Elimination of conflicts of interest in peer**
 9 **review for quality management of care**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each individual responsible for
 11 conducting peer review for quality management of care
 12 provided by a health care provider at a medical facility
 13 of the Department and each member of a peer review com-
 14 mittee with respect to quality management of such care
 15 shall withdraw from participation in a case review if—

16 “(1) the individual has direct involvement with
 17 the care under review; or

18 “(2) the individual is unable to conduct an ob-
 19 jective, impartial, accurate, and informed review.

20 “(b) NEUTRAL ASSESSMENT OF CONDUCT OF COM-
 21 MITTEE MEMBERS.—Each medical facility of the Depart-
 22 ment shall develop procedures and guidelines for that fa-
 23 cility to require that any initial peer review for quality
 24 management that is conducted with respect to care pro-
 25 vided by a health care provider who is a member of the
 26 peer review committee for that facility be evaluated, dis-

1 cussed, and assigned a final level review by a neutral peer
2 review committee at another facility of the Department.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
5 after the item relating to section 7311A the following new
6 item:

“7311B. Elimination of conflicts of interest in peer review for quality management of care.”.

