

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1824

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on the performance of the regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2013

Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. LANCE, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. JONES, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. O'ROURKE, Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. BARBER) 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 “VA Regional Office
5 Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE OF REGIONAL**
2 **OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 7734 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting before the
7 period the following: “and on the performance of
8 any regional office that fails to meet its administra-
9 tive goals”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “and”;

11 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
12 graph (4); and

13 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph (3):

15 “(3) in the case of any regional office that, for
16 the year covered by the report, did not meet the ad-
17 ministrative goal of no claim pending for more than
18 125 days and an accuracy rating of 98 percent—

19 “(A) a signed statement prepared by the
20 individual serving as director of the regional of-
21 fice as of the date of the submittal of the report
22 containing—

23 “(i) an explanation for why the re-
24 gional office did not meet the goal;

1 “(ii) a description of the additional re-
2 sources needed to enable the regional office
3 to reach the goal; and

4 “(iii) a description of any additional
5 actions planned for the subsequent year
6 that are proposed to enable the regional of-
7 fice to meet the goal; and

8 “(B) a statement prepared by the Under
9 Secretary for Benefits explaining how the fail-
10 ure of the regional office to meet the goal af-
11 fected the performance evaluation of the direc-
12 tor of the regional office; and”.

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