

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3373

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review certain whistleblower complaints.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. LOWENTHAL 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. REVIEW OF WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 711 the
6 following new section:

7 **“§ 712. Review of whistleblower complaints**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—During each calendar quarter,
9 the Secretary shall review each covered whistleblower com-
10 plaint that is filed during the previous calendar quarter.

1 “(b) DELEGATION.—The Secretary may only dele-
 2 gate the authority of the Secretary under subsection (a)
 3 to review a covered whistleblower complaint, without fur-
 4 ther delegation, to—

5 “(1) the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

6 “(2) the Under Secretary for Health;

7 “(3) the Under Secretary for Benefits;

8 “(4) the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs;

9 “(5) an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

10 “(6) a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans
 11 Affairs; or

12 “(7) a director of the Veterans Integrated Serv-
 13 ice Network.

14 “(c) COVERED WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT DE-
 15 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered whistleblower
 16 complaint’ means any complaint filed with the Office of
 17 the Special Counsel under subchapter II of chapter 12 of
 18 title 5 with respect to a prohibited personnel practice com-
 19 mitted by an officer or employee of the Department of
 20 Veterans Affairs and described in section 2302(b)(8) or
 21 2302(b)(9)(A)(i), (B), (C), or (D) of such title.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

- 1 after the item relating to section 711 the following new
- 2 item:

“712. Review of whistleblower complaints.”.

