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S. 2660

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 2016

Mr. ROUNDS 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 Health Ad-
5 ministration Spending Transparency and Oversight Act of
6 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION AND REPORT ON COSTS OF HEALTH**
 2 **CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
 3 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of
 5 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 7330B. Evaluation and report on costs of health**
 8 **care furnished by Department**

9 “(a) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall provide for
 10 an ongoing evaluation of the costs of hospital care, medical
 11 services, and nursing home care furnished to veterans eli-
 12 gible for such care or services as compared to the costs
 13 of the same care or services furnished in the private sec-
 14 tor.

15 “(b) ENTITY TO CONDUCT EVALUATION.—The Sec-
 16 retary may enter into a contract with a federally funded
 17 research and development center to conduct the evaluation
 18 under subsection (a).

19 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each year,
 20 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’
 21 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Af-
 22 fairs of the House of Representatives a report on the re-
 23 sults of the evaluation conducted under subsection (a) dur-
 24 ing the year preceding the submittal of the report.

25 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘hos-
 26 pital care’, ‘medical services’, and ‘nursing home care’

1 have the meanings given those terms in section 1701 of
2 this title.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 73 of such title is amended
5 by inserting after the item relating to section 7330A the
6 following new item:

“7330B. Evaluation and report on costs of health care furnished by Department.”.

