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H. R. 5724

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop objectives and performance measures for provision by the Department of Veterans Affairs of same-day services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMMER 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 “Same-Day Account-
5 ability for Veterans Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OBJECTIVES**
2 **AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR PROVI-**
3 **SION OF SAME-DAY SERVICES.**

4 (a) OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

5 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop quantifi-
6 able objectives and performance measures designed to as-
7 sess the effects of the provision of same-day services on
8 the access of veterans to medical care and mental health
9 services.

10 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the objectives
11 and performance measures under subsection (a), the Sec-
12 retary shall consult with the Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, veterans serv-
14 ice organizations, and other appropriate Department and
15 non-Department stakeholders.

16 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of
19 the Senate and House of Representatives a report that
20 includes—

21 (1) the objectives and performance measures
22 developed under subsection (a);

23 (2) recommendations and best practices for the
24 implementation of same-day services throughout the
25 Veterans Health Administration and the reduction
26 of veteran suicide rates.

1 (d) PERIODIC ASSESSMENTS.—Not later than the
2 last day of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall conduct
3 an assessment of each medical center and community-
4 based outpatient clinic of the Department. Such assess-
5 ments shall be made publicly available on a website of the
6 Department.

