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H. R. 3831

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the dialysis pilot program implemented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and submit a report to Congress before expanding that program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROE of Tennessee 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 “Veterans Dialysis Pilot
5 Program Review Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON EXPANSION OF DIALYSIS PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4 shall not expand the dialysis pilot program or create any
5 new dialysis capability provided by the Department of Vet-
6 erans Affairs in any facility that is not an initial facility
7 until after the date that—

8 (1) the Secretary has implemented the dialysis
9 pilot program at each initial facility for a period of
10 not less than two years;

11 (2) an independent analysis of the dialysis pilot
12 program has been conducted at each initial facility;
13 and

14 (3) the report required by subsection (b) has
15 been submitted.

16 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 60 days after the date
17 of the completion of the independent analysis required by
18 subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall submit to Congress
19 a report that—

20 (1) includes the results of that independent
21 analysis, including a comparison of not only cost but
22 non-cost factors such as access to care, quality of
23 care, and Veteran satisfaction; and

24 (2) addresses any recommendations with re-
25 spect to the dialysis pilot program provided in a re-

1 port prepared by the Government Accountability Of-
2 fice.

3 (c) USE OF EXISTING DIALYSIS RESOURCES.—In
4 order to increase the access of veterans to dialysis care
5 and decrease the amount of time such veterans are re-
6 quired to travel to receive such care, the Secretary shall
7 fully use the dialysis resources of the Department that
8 exist as of the date of the enactment of this Act, including
9 any community dialysis provider with which the Secretary
10 has entered into a contract or agreement for the provision
11 of such care.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “dialysis pilot program” means
14 the pilot demonstration program established by the
15 Secretary in 2009 to provide dialysis care to patients
16 at certain outpatient facilities operated by the De-
17 partment of Veterans Affairs.

18 (2) The term “initial facility” means one of the
19 four outpatient facilities identified by the Secretary
20 to participate in the dialysis pilot program prior to
21 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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