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115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1690

[Report No. 115–249]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2017

Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CORREA, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. FASO, Mr. JONES, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. COLLINS of New York, and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 24, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. MESSER

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 22, 2017]

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 “Department of Veterans*
5 *Affairs Bonus Transparency Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE AWARDS AND**
7 **BONUSES AWARDED TO CERTAIN HIGH-LEVEL**
8 **EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
9 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United States*
11 *Code, is amended by inserting after section 717 the fol-*
12 *lowing new section:*

13 **“§ 718. Annual report on performance awards and bo-**
14 **nuses awarded to certain high-level em-**
15 **ployees**

16 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the*
17 *end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to the*
18 *appropriate committees of Congress a report that contains,*
19 *for the most recent fiscal year ending before the submittal*
20 *of the report, a description of the performance awards and*
21 *bonuses awarded to Regional Office Directors of the Depart-*
22 *ment, Directors of Medical Centers of the Department, Di-*
23 *rectors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks, and any*
24 *other individual employed in a senior executive position.*

1 “(b) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each report submitted under sub-*
2 *section (a) shall include the following with respect to each*
3 *performance award or bonus awarded to an individual de-*
4 *scribed in such subsection:*

5 “(1) *The amount of each award or bonus.*

6 “(2) *The job title of the individual awarded the*
7 *award or bonus.*

8 “(3) *The location where the individual awarded*
9 *the award or bonus works.*

10 “(c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

11 “(1) *The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-*
12 *gress’ means—*

13 “(A) *the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*
14 *and the Committee on Appropriations of the*
15 *Senate; and*

16 “(B) *the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*
17 *and the Committee on Appropriations of the*
18 *House of Representatives.*

19 “(2) *The term ‘individual’ means—*

20 “(A) *a career appointee (as that term is de-*
21 *finied in section 3132(a)(4) of title 5); or*

22 “(B) *any individual who occupies an ad-*
23 *ministrative or executive position and who was*
24 *appointed under section 7306(a) or section*
25 *7401(1) of this title.*

1 “(3) The term ‘senior executive position’
2 *means—*

3 “(A) with respect to a career appointee (as
4 that term is defined in section 3132(a)(4) of title
5 5), a Senior Executive Service position (as such
6 term is defined in section 3132(a)(2) of title 5);
7 and

8 “(B) with respect to an individual ap-
9 pointed under section 7306(a) or section 7401(1)
10 of this title, an administrative or executive posi-
11 tion.”.

12 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at*
13 *the beginning of chapter 7 of such title is amended by in-*
14 *serting after the item relating to section 717 the following*
15 *new item:*

 “718. Annual report on performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-
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