

## Union Calendar No. 672

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5974

[Report No. 115–869]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2018

Mr. DENHAM (for himself, Mr. BOST, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. CRIST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 24, 2018

Additional sponsor: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 25, 2018]

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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 Creation of On-Site Treatment Systems Affording*  
6 *Veterans Improvements and Numerous General Safety En-*  
7 *hancements Act” or the “VA COST SAVINGS Enhance-*  
8 *ments Act”.*

9 **SEC. 2. USE OF ON-SITE REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE**  
10 **TREATMENT SYSTEMS AT DEPARTMENT OF**  
11 **VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES.**

12 *(a) IDENTIFICATION OF FACILITIES.—The Secretary of*  
13 *Veterans Affairs shall identify Department of Veterans Af-*  
14 *fairs facilities that would benefit from cost savings associ-*  
15 *ated with the use of an on-site regulated medical waste*  
16 *treatment system over a five-year period.*

17 *(b) REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE COST ANALYSIS*  
18 *MODEL.—For purposes of carrying out subsection (a), the*  
19 *Secretary shall develop a uniform regulated medical waste*  
20 *cost analysis model to be used to determine the cost savings*  
21 *associated with the use of an on-site regulated medical*  
22 *waste treatment system at Department facilities. Such*  
23 *model shall be designed to calculate savings based on—*

1           (1) *the cost of treating regulated medical waste*  
2           *at an off-site location under a contract with a non-*  
3           *Department entity, compared to*

4           (2) *the cost of treating regulated medical waste*  
5           *on-site, based on the equipment specification of treat-*  
6           *ment system manufacturers, with capital costs amor-*  
7           *tized over a ten-year period.*

8           (c) *INSTALLATION.*—*At each Department facility iden-*  
9           *tified under subsection (a), the Secretary shall secure, in-*  
10          *stall, and operate an on-site regulated medical waste treat-*  
11          *ment system.*

12          (d) *USE OF BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT.*—*Any*  
13          *medical waste treatment system purchased pursuant to this*  
14          *section shall be purchased under the blanket purchase agree-*  
15          *ment known as the “VHA Regulated Medical Waste On-*  
16          *Site Treatment Equipment Systems Blanket Purchase*  
17          *Agreement” or any successor, contract, agreement, or other*  
18          *arrangement.*

19          (e) *REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE DEFINED.*—*In this*  
20          *section, the term “regulated medical waste” has the mean-*  
21          *ing given such term under section 173.134(a)(5) of title 49,*  
22          *Code of Federal Regulations, concerning regulated medical*  
23          *waste and infectious substances, or any successor regula-*  
24          *tion, except that, in the case of an applicable State law*

- 1 *that is more expansive, the definition in the State law shall*
- 2 *apply.*

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