

Union Calendar No. 672

115TH CONGRESS
2^D 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.

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

JULY 24, 2018

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[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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