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S. 2622

To require directors of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit plans to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on how to improve such facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. PLANS TO IMPROVE MEDICAL FACILITIES OF**
4 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) PLANS REQUIRED.—

6 (1) PLANS OF DIRECTORS OF MEDICAL FACILI-
7 TIES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall re-
8 quire each director of a medical facility of the De-

1 department of Veterans Affairs to submit to the direc-
2 tor of the facility's Veterans Integrated Service Net-
3 work, not later than 90 days after the date of the
4 enactment of this Act, a plan to improve such facil-
5 ity in such a fashion as would result in the facility
6 obtaining a Department five-star rating.

7 (2) PLANS OF DIRECTORS OF VETERANS INTE-
8 GRATED SERVICE NETWORKS.—The Secretary shall
9 require each director of a Veterans Integrated Serv-
10 ice Network to submit to the Secretary, not later
11 than 60 days after receiving all of the plans under
12 paragraph (1), a plan, based on the plans received
13 under paragraph (1), to improve the facilities within
14 the Veterans Integrated Service Network in such a
15 fashion that would improve the rating of all facilities
16 within the network.

17 (3) CONTENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure
18 that each plan submitted under this subsection in-
19 cludes sufficient detail regarding resources, per-
20 sonnel changes, hiring authorities, additional staff-
21 ing, and changes to information systems as is nec-
22 essary to obtain the rating described in paragraphs
23 (1) and (2).

24 (b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary shall ensure
25 that, in the first fiscal year beginning after the date that

1 is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and
2 not less frequently than once each fiscal year thereafter,
3 each director of a Veterans Integrated Service Network
4 in which a medical facility of the Department has a one-
5 , two-, or three-star rating submits to the Secretary a re-
6 port on the actions taken by the director to carry out the
7 plan submitted by the director under subsection (a)(2) and
8 to obtain for the facility the rating described in such sub-
9 section.

10 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON USE OF AUTHORITIES
11 TO INVESTIGATE MEDICAL CENTERS OF THE DEPART-
12 MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should make
14 full use of the authorities provided by section 2 of the En-
15 hancing Veteran Care Act (Public Law 115–95).

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