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# H. R. 1256

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Mr. MRVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 Health Ad-  
5 ministration Leadership Transformation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNDER SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF DEPARTMENT**  
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) **TERM OF UNDER SECRETARY.**—Section  
4 305(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by  
5 adding at the end the following new sentence: “An indi-  
6 vidual appointed to serve as the Under Secretary of  
7 Health shall be appointed for a term of five years.”.

8 (b) **NUMBER OF ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARIES**  
9 **OF HEALTH.**—Subsection (a)(3) of section 7306 of such  
10 title is amended—

11 (1) by striking “Not to exceed eight” and in-  
12 serting “As many”; and

13 (2) by inserting “as the Secretary determines  
14 necessary” after “Health”.

15 (c) **ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
16 **ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARIES.**—Such section is fur-  
17 ther amended—

18 (1) by striking subsection (b);

19 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (g)  
20 as subsections (b) through (f), respectively; and

21 (3) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by  
22 striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection  
23 (d)”.

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