

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 608

To terminate the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2023

Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself and Mr. BOST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To terminate the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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. TERMINATION OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH**
4 **RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **TERMINATION.**—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
6 fairs may not carry out the Electronic Health Record
7 Modernization Program.

8 (b) **IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMINATION.**—Not later
9 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,

1 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out the fol-
2 lowing activities:

3 (1) Abolish the Electronic Health Record Mod-
4 ernization Integration Office.

5 (2) Transfer any activities or functions carried
6 out under such office that are not terminated pursu-
7 ant to this section to the Veterans Health Adminis-
8 tration or the Office of Information and Technology
9 of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

10 (3) With respect to each facility of the Veterans
11 Health Administration that uses the electronic
12 health record system implemented pursuant to the
13 Electronic Health Record Modernization Program,
14 revert the facility to instead use the Veterans Health
15 Information Systems and Technology Architecture
16 and the Computerized Patient Record System of the
17 Department.

18 (c) NO EXPANSION DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF
19 TERMINATION.—During the period beginning on the date
20 of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date on
21 which the Secretary carries out subsection (b), the Sec-
22 retary may not carry out any activities to implement the
23 electronic health record system implemented pursuant to
24 the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program at
25 a facility of the Veterans Health Administration where

1 such system is not being used as of the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

3 (d) CONTRACTS.—

4 (1) OPTIONS.—The Secretary may not exercise
5 any option periods or optional tasks under any con-
6 tract under the Electronic Health Record Mod-
7 ernization Program.

8 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
9 section may be construed to require the Secretary to
10 terminate any contract, task order, modification, or
11 other similar instrument, under the Electronic
12 Health Record Modernization Program before the
13 expiration of the period of performance of such con-
14 tract, task order, modification, or other similar in-
15 strument.

16 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (1) OVERSIGHT OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH
18 RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.—Section 503 of
19 the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018
20 (Public Law 115–407; 38 U.S.C. 5701 note prec.) is
21 repealed.

22 (2) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-DEPARTMENT
23 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS INTERAGENCY PROGRAM OF-
24 FICE.—Section 1635(c) of the Wounded Warrior Act

1 (title XVI of Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 1071
2 note) is amended—

3 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and the
4 Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs”;

5 (B) in paragraph (4)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (I) by striking “, with the con-
8 currence of the Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs,”; and

10 (II) by striking the second sen-
11 tence; and

12 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

13 (I) by striking “Secretary of Vet-
14 erans Affairs, with the concurrence of
15 the”; and

16 (II) by striking the second sen-
17 tence; and

18 (C) by striking “and the Secretary of Vet-
19 erans Affairs shall jointly” each place it ap-
20 pears and inserting “shall”.

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