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H. R. 3686

To direct the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to make certain reports publicly available and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2015

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota (for himself and Mr. WALZ) introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Care and Re-
5 porting Enforcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN REPORTS OF IN-**
2 **SPECTOR GENERAL OF DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 312 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(c)(1) In the case of any investigation of the Inspec-
8 tor General involving patient health and safety relating to
9 hospital care or medical services provided by the Depart-
10 ment, the Inspector General shall—

11 “(A) in the case of such an investigation that
12 is administratively closed, provide a copy of the re-
13 port of the Inspector General on the investigation
14 to—

15 “(i) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs
16 of the Senate and House of Representatives;

17 “(ii) the Member of Congress representing
18 the district where the facility affected by the in-
19 vestigation is located; and

20 “(iii) if relevant, the Member of Congress
21 who referred the matter covered by the inves-
22 tigation to the Inspector General;

23 “(B) in the case of any such investigation in-
24 volving a complaint that is referred to the Depart-
25 ment for investigation, provide notice of such refer-

1 ral and of the facility or issue that is the subject of
2 the underlying complaint to—

3 “(i) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs
4 of the Senate and House of Representatives;

5 “(ii) the Member of Congress representing
6 the district where the facility affected by the in-
7 vestigation is located; and

8 “(iii) if relevant, the Member of Congress
9 who referred the matter covered by the inves-
10 tigation to the Inspector General;

11 “(C) by not later than three days after the date
12 on which the report of the Inspector General on the
13 investigation is complete, make the report publicly
14 available on the Internet website of the Inspector
15 General for a period of not less than one year; and

16 “(D) in the case of such an investigation relat-
17 ing to a medical facility of the Department, post a
18 notice of the investigation at an appropriate place
19 where it is likely to be seen by employees of the fa-
20 cility and on the Internet website of the facility for
21 a period of not less than 30 days.

22 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘Member of Con-
23 gress’ means a Representative, a Senator, a Delegate to
24 Congress, or the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico.”.

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