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H. R. 5008

To direct the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to perform certain duties regarding underperforming medical centers of the Department.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2019

Mr. GALLEGO 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 “VA Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUTIES OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REGARD-**
3 **ING UNDERPERFORMING MEDICAL CENTERS**
4 **OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

5 (a) LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 90
6 days after the issuance of the end-of-year relative perform-
7 ance star ratings (in this section referred to as “Star Rat-
8 ings”) for each fiscal year, the Inspector General of the
9 Department of Veterans Affairs shall identify and trans-
10 mit a list of specific improvement recommendations for
11 each medical center of the Department that received fewer
12 than two stars in the Star Ratings regarding quality of
13 care for the most recent fiscal year. The Inspector General
14 shall transmit each such list to—

15 (1) the Director of the medical center named in
16 the list;

17 (2) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

18 (3) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the
19 Senate and the House of Representatives;

20 (4) the Senators for the State in which the
21 medical center is located; and

22 (5) the Representative in whose congressional
23 district the medical center is located.

24 (b) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the Inspector General transmits a list under sub-
26 section (a), the Inspector General shall publish on the

1 website of the Department and submit to the recipients
2 of that list a report that identifies—

3 (1) the extent to which the Director of the med-
4 ical center implemented the improvement rec-
5 ommendations;

6 (2) any change in the performance of the med-
7 ical center.

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