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To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system to manage supply chains for medical facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system to manage supply chains for medical facilities of 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Supply Chain Man-
5 agement System Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLY CHAINS FOR MEDICAL**
2 **FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided by para-
6 graph (2), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
7 only carry out a covered information technology sys-
8 tem if—

9 (A) the system meets the requirements
10 under subsection (b); and

11 (B) the system does not require the use of
12 a specific contract to procure supplies.

13 (2) **EXCEPTION.**—Paragraph (1) shall not
14 apply with respect to information technology systems
15 used by the Secretary at joint facilities of the De-
16 partment of Veterans Affairs and the Department of
17 Defense.

18 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary shall ensure
19 that a covered information technology system meets the
20 following requirements:

21 (1) The system shall be cloud-based.

22 (2) With respect to the items covered by the
23 system—

24 (A) the system shall include—

25 (i) medical supplies;

26 (ii) surgical equipment and supplies;

1 (iii) laboratory equipment and sup-
2 plies;

3 (iv) supplies and capital equipment
4 pertaining to facilities or real property;

5 (v) biomedical equipment;

6 (vi) textiles and apparel;

7 (vii) dental equipment and supplies;

8 and

9 (viii) equipment and supplies relating
10 to the treatment of sleep apnea;

11 (B) the system may include (but, if not so
12 included in the system itself, the system shall
13 include through an interface with an external
14 information technology system)—

15 (i) prosthetic appliances requiring ex-
16 tensive customization or fitting;

17 (ii) prosthetic appliances not requiring
18 extensive customization or fitting;

19 (iii) pharmaceuticals;

20 (iv) reusable medical equipment; and

21 (v) eyeglasses; and

22 (C) the system may not include—

23 (i) high-tech medical equipment;

24 (ii) surgical implants;

25 (iii) information technology;

1 (iv) equipment and supplies of the
2 National Cemetery Administration that are
3 not used by the Veterans Health Adminis-
4 tration; and

5 (v) equipment and supplies of the Vet-
6 erans Benefits Administration that are not
7 used by the Veterans Health Administra-
8 tion.

9 (3) The system shall include functions relating
10 to—

11 (A) inventory management of both expend-
12 able and nonexpendable items covered by the
13 system, with respect to both—

14 (i) physical inventory; and

15 (ii) perpetual inventory;

16 (B) management of the receipt of such
17 items, with respect to—

18 (i) intake;

19 (ii) returns; and

20 (iii) the identification of such items
21 that are recalled;

22 (C) management of the storage of such
23 items, with respect to—

24 (i) local storage; and

1 (ii) centralized storage at a medical
2 facility or warehousing at a different loca-
3 tion for one or more medical facilities;

4 (D) management of the distribution such
5 items;

6 (E) the generation and scanning of
7 barcodes or the use of radio frequency identi-
8 fication technology or other similar inventory
9 tracking technology; and

10 (F) reporting, consisting of—

11 (i) standard or preexisting reports;

12 and

13 (ii) customizable or custom-generated
14 reports.

15 (4) The system shall include (either in the sys-
16 tem itself or through an interface with an external
17 information technology system) functions relating
18 to—

19 (A) capital asset management;

20 (B) ordering of items covered by the sys-
21 tem;

22 (C) maintenance of a catalog of available
23 supplies; and

24 (D) lifecycle tracking from acquisition of
25 such items through the disposal of such items.

1 (5) The system shall have existing interfaces
2 with or the capability to interface with—

3 (A) the Integrated Financial and Acquisi-
4 tion Management System of the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs; and

6 (B) the electronic health record systems of
7 the Department, including—

8 (i) the Veterans Health Information
9 Systems and Technology Architecture and
10 Computerized Patient Record System; and

11 (ii) the electronic health record system
12 established under the Electronic Health
13 Record Modernization Program (as defined
14 in section 503 of Veterans Benefits and
15 Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–
16 407; 38 U.S.C. 5701 note prec.)).

17 (6) The system shall have the capacity to ac-
18 commodate not fewer than 50,000 users.

19 (7) The system shall include any other func-
20 tions, capabilities, or components as determined by
21 the Secretary.

22 (c) COMPLETION OF IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
23 retary shall complete the implementation of a covered in-
24 formation technology system by not later than three years
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (d) COVERED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM
2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered information
3 technology system” means an information technology sys-
4 tem, or a system of systems, for the management of supply
5 chains, including with respect to inventory and other func-
6 tions.

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