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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system and prioritize certain requirements to manage supply chains for medical facilities 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. 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) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry out a  
5 covered information technology system that—

6 (1) is cloud-based;

7 (2) includes functions relating to—

8 (A) inventory management of both expend-  
9 able and nonexpendable items covered by the  
10 system, with respect to both—

11 (i) physical inventory; and

12 (ii) perpetual inventory;

13 (B) management of the receipt of such  
14 items, with respect to—

15 (i) intake;

16 (ii) returns; and

17 (iii) the identification of such items  
18 that are recalled;

19 (C) management of the storage of such  
20 items, with respect to—

21 (i) local storage; and

22 (ii) centralized storage at a medical  
23 facility or warehousing at a different loca-  
24 tion for one or more medical facilities;

25 (D) management of the distribution of  
26 such items;

1 (E) the generation and scanning of  
2 barcodes or the use of radio frequency identi-  
3 fication technology or other similar inventory  
4 tracking technology;

5 (F) reporting, consisting of—

6 (i) standard or preexisting reports;

7 and

8 (ii) customizable or custom-generated  
9 reports; and

10 (G) either in the system itself or through  
11 an interface with an external information tech-  
12 nology system—

13 (i) capital asset management;

14 (ii) maintenance of a catalog of avail-  
15 able supplies; and

16 (iii) lifecycle tracking from acquisition  
17 of such items through the disposal of such  
18 items;

19 (3) with respect to the items covered by the sys-  
20 tem—

21 (A) includes—

22 (i) medical supplies;

23 (ii) surgical equipment and supplies;

24 (iii) laboratory equipment and sup-  
25 plies;

1 (iv) supplies and capital equipment  
2 pertaining to facilities or real property;

3 (v) biomedical equipment;

4 (vi) textiles and apparel;

5 (vii) dental equipment and supplies;

6 and

7 (viii) equipment and supplies relating  
8 to the treatment of sleep apnea;

9 (B) may include (but, if not so included in  
10 the system itself, the system shall include  
11 through an interface with an external informa-  
12 tion technology system)—

13 (i) prosthetic appliances requiring ex-  
14 tensive customization or fitting;

15 (ii) prosthetic appliances not requiring  
16 extensive customization or fitting;

17 (iii) pharmaceuticals;

18 (iv) reusable medical equipment; and

19 (v) eyeglasses; and

20 (C) does not include—

21 (i) software;

22 (ii) equipment and supplies of the Na-  
23 tional Cemetery Administration the man-  
24 agement of which cannot be accommodated

1 by a process used by the Veterans Health  
2 Administration; or

3 (iii) equipment and supplies of the  
4 Veterans Benefits Administration the man-  
5 agement of which cannot be accommodated  
6 by a process used by the Veterans Health  
7 Administration;

8 (4) has existing interfaces with or the capability  
9 to interface with—

10 (A) procurement, purchasing, or ordering  
11 systems of the Department;

12 (B) the Integrated Financial and Acquisi-  
13 tion Management System of the Department of  
14 Veterans Affairs; and

15 (C) the electronic health record systems of  
16 the Department, including—

17 (i) the Veterans Health Information  
18 Systems and Technology Architecture and  
19 Computerized Patient Record System; and

20 (ii) the electronic health record system  
21 established under the Electronic Health  
22 Record Modernization Program (as defined  
23 in section 503 of Veterans Benefits and  
24 Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–  
25 407; 38 U.S.C. 5701 note prec.));

1           (5) has the capacity to accommodate not fewer  
2 than 50,000 users; and

3           (6) includes any other functions, capabilities, or  
4 components as determined by the Secretary.

5           (b) REQUIREMENTS.—If the Secretary carries out a  
6 covered information technology system under subsection  
7 (a), the Secretary shall—

8           (1) determine whether the functions of the sys-  
9 tem are satisfactory by piloting such functions at  
10 one facility of the Department before expanding im-  
11 plementation of the system throughout the Depart-  
12 ment; and

13           (2) with respect to the functions referred to in  
14 subsection (a)(1)(A), prioritize the delivery of inven-  
15 tory management capabilities.

16           (c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with  
17 respect to information technology systems used by the Sec-  
18 retary at joint facilities of the Department of Veterans Af-  
19 fairs and the Department of Defense.

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

24           (e) COVERED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM  
25 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered information

1 technology system” means an information technology sys-  
2 tem, or a system of systems, for the management of supply  
3 chains, including with respect to inventory and other func-  
4 tions.

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