

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## S. 114

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 12, 2017

Mr. Heller (for himself and Mr. Casey) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 "Department of Vet-
- 5 erans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act".

1	SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE AWARDS AND
2	BONUSES AWARDED TO CERTAIN HIGH-
3	LEVEL EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
4	VETERANS AFFAIRS.
5	(a) In General.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United
6	States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7	lowing new section:
8	"§ 714. Annual report on performance awards and bo-
9	nuses awarded to certain high-level em-
10	ployees
11	"(a) In General.—Not later than 30 days after the
12	end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to the
13	appropriate committees of Congress a report that con-
14	tains, for the most recent fiscal year ending before the
15	submittal of the report, a description of the performance
16	awards and bonuses awarded to Regional Office Directors
17	of the Department, Directors of Medical Centers of the
18	Department, and Directors of Veterans Integrated Service
19	Networks.
20	"(b) Elements.—Each report submitted under sub-
21	section (a) shall include the following with respect to each
22	performance award or bonus awarded to an individual de-
23	scribed in such subsection:
24	"(1) The amount of each award or bonus.
25	"(2) The job title of the individual awarded the
26	award or bonus.

1	"(3) The location where the individual awarded
2	the award or bonus works.
3	"(c) Appropriate Committees of Congress.—In
4	this section, the term 'appropriate committees of Con-
5	gress' means—
6	"(1) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and
7	the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
8	"(2) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and
9	the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
10	Representatives.".
11	(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12	at the beginning of chapter 7 of such title is amended by
13	inserting after the item relating to section 713 the fol-
14	lowing new item:
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