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1. [H.R. _____ - Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act](#)
2. [H.R. _____ - Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act of 2017](#)

H.R.____ - Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act (Costello, R-PA)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration January 3, 2017 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R.](#) would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the VA in the employee's permanent record.

COST:

No Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is available.

Rule 28(a)(1) of the Rules of the Republican Conference prohibit measures from being scheduled for consideration under suspension of the rules without an accompanying cost estimate. Rule 28(b) provides that the cost estimate requirement may be waived by a majority of the Elected Leadership.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

This bill would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the VA in the employee's permanent record.

A similar bill, [H.R. 1038](#), passed the House on May 18, 2015, by voice vote.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This bill was introduced by Representative Costello and referred to the House Committee House Committee on Veterans' Affairs where it awaits further action.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the sponsor: Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8. No specific enumerating clause was included.

H.R.____ - Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act of 2017 (Roe, R-TN)

CONTACT: [Rebekah Armstrong](#), 202-226-0678

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration January 3, 2017 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R.](#) would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in the tracking and procurement of biological implants by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

COST:

No Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is available.

Rule 28(a)(1) of the Rules of the Republican Conference prohibit measures from being scheduled for consideration under suspension of the rules without an accompanying cost estimate. Rule 28(b) provides that the cost estimate requirement may be waived by a majority of the Elected Leadership.

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DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

This bill would direct the secretary to adopt a unique identification system for identifying biological implants developed for medical devices by the Food and Drug Administration or implement a comparable system intended for use in medical procedures conducted at VA facilities. This identification system would allow patients who had received an implant to be notified if there is a recall of the device.

This bill would also update vendor procurement requirements for the secretary as they related to biological implants of human and nonhuman origin.

No additional funds are authorized to carry out this bill.

Similar language was including in H.R. 2256, which passed the House by a vote of [408-0](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This bill was introduced by Representative Roe and referred to the House Committee House Committee on Veterans' Affairs where it awaits further action.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the sponsor: Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8. No specific enumerating clause was included.