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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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. COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUDIT OF BUDGET**  
4 **OF VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 7330C. COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUDIT OF VHA**  
2 **BUDGET.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
4 United States shall periodically conduct an audit of ele-  
5 ments of the budget of the Veterans Health Administra-  
6 tion, including the budget formulation, execution, alloca-  
7 tion, and use of funds.

8 “(b) SELECTION OF ELEMENTS.—(1) In selecting  
9 elements of the budget of the Veterans Health Administra-  
10 tion for purposes of an audit under subsection (a), the  
11 Comptroller General shall take into consideration—

12 “(A) knowledge of the programs of the  
13 Veterans Health Administration;

14 “(B) current issues;

15 “(C) national priorities; and

16 “(D) priorities expressed by the appro-  
17 priate congressional committees.

18 “(2) Not later than 30 days before conducting  
19 an audit under subsection (a), the Comptroller Gen-  
20 eral shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
21 committees notice of the elements selected by the  
22 Comptroller General for purposes of the audit.

23 “(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

24 In this section, the term ‘appropriate congressional com-  
25 mittees’ means—

1           “(1) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the  
2           Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on  
3           the Budget of the Senate; and

4           “(2) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the  
5           Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on  
6           the Budget of the House of Representatives.”.

7           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
8           at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
9           after the item relating to section 7330B the following new  
10          item:

          “7330C. Comptroller General audit of VHA budget.”.