

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEAHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Transparency in Cost
5 of Veterans Care Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED ACCOUNTING OF MAJOR MEDICAL FA-**
2 **CILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8104(b) of title 38,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
6 following new subparagraph:

7 “(F) Additional costs of providing hospital
8 care or medical services resulting from tem-
9 porary displacement of clinical space required
10 by such construction, alteration, lease, or acqui-
11 sition.”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(7) In the case of a project that results in
15 temporary displacement of clinical space, an analysis
16 of any additional costs of providing hospital care or
17 medical services resulting from such displacement,
18 including additional costs associated with—

19 “(A) contracting with a non-Department
20 facility in order to furnish hospital care or med-
21 ical services;

22 “(B) beneficiary travel; and

23 “(C) the lease or purchase of a temporary
24 or mobile medical facility.”.

25 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
26 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to requests for

1 funding of major medical facility projects and major med-
2 ical facility leases submitted to Congress pursuant to sec-
3 tion 8104(b) of such title on or after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act.