

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Chief Information Officer of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ 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 “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Information Technology Restructuring Act
6 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION OF CHIEF INFORMA-**
2 **TION OFFICER OF VETERANS HEALTH AD-**
3 **MINISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7306(a) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (10) as para-
7 graph (11); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph (10):

10 “(10) The Chief Information Officer of the Vet-
11 erans Health Administration, who shall—

12 “(A) serve in a full-time capacity at the
13 Central Office of the Department; and

14 “(B) be responsible to, and report directly
15 to, the Under Secretary for Health on all mat-
16 ters regarding the procurement, acquisition,
17 and management of information technology sys-
18 tems and services for the Veterans Health Ad-
19 ministration.”.

20 (b) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 30 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 of Veterans Affairs shall appoint an individual to serve
23 as the Chief Information Officer of the Veterans Health
24 Administration under section 7306(a)(10) of title 38,
25 United States Code, as amended by subsection (a).