

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BENISHEK OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1994, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BENISHEK OF MICHIGAN**

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 11. ACCOUNTABILITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS**
2 **AFFAIRS TO INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 7 of title 38, United
5 States Code, as amended by section 8, is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 727. Accountability of Secretary to Inspector Gen-**
8 **eral**

9 “(a) **SUBMISSION OF REPORTS.**—(1) At the same
10 time as the Inspector General of the Department submits
11 to the Secretary a covered report, the Inspector General
12 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
13 the Senate and House of Representatives a copy of such
14 covered report.

15 “(2) The Inspector General shall include in each cov-
16 ered report submitted under paragraph (1)—

17 “(A) an explanation of any changes to the cov-
18 ered report recommended by the Secretary during
19 the period in which the Inspector General was pre-
20 paring the covered report; and

1 “(B) a list of the names of each responsible
2 manager.

3 “(3) The Inspector General may not make public the
4 names of responsible managers submitted under para-
5 graph (2)(B).

6 “(b) PERFORMANCE OF RESPONSIBLE MANAGERS.—
7 (1) The Secretary shall—

8 “(A) promptly notify each responsible manager
9 of a covered issue by not later than seven days after
10 the date on which the Inspector General submits a
11 covered report to the Secretary;

12 “(B) direct such manager to resolve such issue;
13 and

14 “(C) provide such manager with appropriate
15 counseling and a mitigation plan with respect to re-
16 solving such issue.

17 “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that any performance
18 review of a responsible manager includes an evaluation of
19 whether the manager took appropriate actions during the
20 period covered by the review to respond to a covered issue.

21 “(3) The Secretary may not pay to a responsible
22 manager any bonus or award under chapter 45 or 53 of
23 title 5 or any other bonus or award authorized under such
24 title or this title if a covered issue is unresolved.

1 “(c) ROLE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Any authority
2 of the Inspector General provided under this section is in
3 addition to any responsibility or authority provided to the
4 Inspector General in the Inspector General Act of 1978
5 (5 U.S.C. App.).

6 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) The term ‘covered issue’ means, with re-
8 spect to a responsible manager, an issue described in
9 a covered report for which the manager is or was re-
10 sponsible.

11 “(2) The term ‘covered report’ means a report
12 by the Inspector General of the Department of Vet-
13 erans Affairs that recommends actions to the Sec-
14 retary of Veterans Affairs (or other official or em-
15 ployee of the Department) to address an issue in the
16 Department with respect to public health or safety
17 relating to misconduct, or alleged misconduct, by an
18 employee of the Department.

19 “(3) The term ‘responsible manager’ means an
20 individual who—

21 “(A) is an employee of the Department;

22 “(B) is or was responsible for an issue in-
23 cluded in a covered report; and

24 “(C) in being so responsible, is or was em-
25 ployed in a management position, regardless of

1 whether the employee is in the competitive civil
2 service, Senior Executive Service, or other type
3 of civil service.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of such chapter, as amended by section
6 8, is amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
7 tion 725 the following new item:

 “727. Accountability of Secretary to Inspector General.”.

