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H. R. 2965

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for penalties for employees of the Veterans Health Administration who intentionally fail to follow infection control practices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

Mr. TURNER of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. FAILURE OF VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRA-**
4 **TION EMPLOYEES TO FOLLOW INFECTION**
5 **CONTROL PRACTICES.**

6 (a) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter V of chapter 74
2 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
3 ing at the end the following new section:

4 **“§ 7465. Failure to follow infection control practices**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any employee of the Veterans
6 Health Administration who, while working in a Depart-
7 ment medical facility, intentionally fails to follow infection
8 control practices shall be fined in accordance with title 18,
9 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

10 “(b) INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES.—The Sec-
11 retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish infection control
12 practices for purposes of this section.”.

13 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
14 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
15 by adding at the end of the items relating to such
16 subchapter the following new item:

“7465. Failure to follow infection control practices.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) of section
18 7465 of title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-
19 section (a), shall apply with respect to actions taken on
20 or after the date that is 30 days after the date on which
21 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs establishes infection con-
22 trol practices, as required by subsection (b) of such sec-
23 tion.

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