

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4278, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BAIRD OF INDIANA**

Add after section 6 the following:

1 **SEC. 7. REQUIREMENT FOR TIMELY SCHEDULING OF AP-**
2 **POINTMENTS AT MEDICAL FACILITIES OF DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Chapter 17 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 1706A as section
7 1706B; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 1706 the following
9 new section:

10 **“§ 1706A. Accountability for scheduling appointments**
11 **at Department facilities**

12 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULING.—In man-
13 aging the provision of hospital care and medical services
14 at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs
15 under this chapter, the Secretary shall ensure that when-
16 ever a covered veteran contacts the Department by tele-
17 phone to request the scheduling of an appointment for
18 care or services for the covered veteran at such a facility,
19 the scheduling for the appointment occurs during that

1 telephone call (regardless of the prospective date of the
2 appointment being scheduled).

3 “(b) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
4 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who is enrolled
5 in the system of patient enrollment of the Department
6 under section 1705(a) of this title.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by striking
9 the item relating to section 1706A and inserting the fol-
10 lowing new items:

“1706A. Accountability for scheduling appointments at Department facilities
“1706B. Remediation of medical service lines.”.

11 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
12 section (a) shall apply with respect to requests for appoint-
13 ment scheduling occurring on or after the date that is 120
14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

