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# H. R. 42

To authorize the Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with appropriate civilian accreditation entities or appropriate health care evaluation entities to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. MULLIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF DIRECTORS OF VETERANS IN-**  
2 **TEGRATED SERVICE NETWORKS TO INVES-**  
3 **TIGATE MEDICAL CENTERS OF THE DEPART-**  
4 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of a Veterans Inte-  
6 grated Service Network of the Department of Veterans Af-  
7 fairs may contract with an appropriate entity specializing  
8 in civilian accreditation or health care evaluation to inves-  
9 tigate any medical center within such Network to assess  
10 and report deficiencies of the facilities at such medical  
11 center.

12 (b) COORDINATION.—Before entering into any con-  
13 tract under subsection (a), the Director of a Veterans In-  
14 tegrated Service Network shall notify the Secretary of Vet-  
15 erans Affairs, the Inspector General of the Department  
16 of Veterans Affairs, and the Comptroller General of the  
17 United States for purposes of coordinating any investiga-  
18 tion conducted pursuant to such contract with any other  
19 investigations or accreditations that may be ongoing.

20 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
21 tion may be construed—

22 (1) to prevent the Office of the Inspector Gen-  
23 eral of the Department of Veterans Affairs from  
24 conducting any review, audit, evaluation, or inspec-  
25 tion regarding a topic for which a review is con-  
26 ducted under subsection (a); or

1           (2) to modify the requirement that employees of  
2           the Department assist with any review, audit, eval-  
3           uation, or inspection conducted by the Office of the  
4           Inspector General of the Department.

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