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H. R. 5822

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop uniform policy guidelines for evaluating potential lessors for purposes of leasing property on which to build medical facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

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

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 “Improving Standards
5 in VA Contracting Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS UNIFORM**
2 **POLICY GUIDELINES FOR LESSORS OF PROP-**
3 **ERTY FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES.**

4 (a) UNIFORM POLICY GUIDELINES.—By not later
5 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop uniform
7 policy guidelines for officials, including contracting offi-
8 cers, of the Real Property Service of the Office of Con-
9 struction and Facilities Management of the Department
10 of Veterans Affairs in evaluating potential lessors for pur-
11 poses of leasing property on which to build medical facili-
12 ties. Such guidelines shall include—

13 (1) the evaluation of the past performance of
14 the potential lessor with respect to past contracts
15 with the Federal Government and other entities, if
16 any;

17 (2) criteria to specifically address the ability of
18 the potential lessor to demonstrate control of or the
19 ability to control the property, including specific doc-
20 umentation of the potential lessors' ownership of or
21 right to lease the property, as well as any encum-
22 brances on this or other property that could affect
23 the lessors' ability to enter into any agreement with
24 the Department regarding the property in question;

25 (3) criteria for ensuring that the potential les-
26 sor conducted proper due diligence prior to submit-

1 ting an offer to enter into a lease with the Depart-
2 ment; and

3 (4) such other matters as the Secretary deter-
4 mines appropriate.

5 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the guidelines
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the
7 Federal Real Property Council of the General Services Ad-
8 ministration.

9 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
10 before the guidelines developed under subsection (a) take
11 effect, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on
12 the guidelines.

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