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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the cybersecurity practices and protocols of the Department, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. STEEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Strengthening Cyber-
5 security in Health Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF HHS CYBERSECURITY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-
4 after, the Inspector General of the Department of Health
5 and Human Services shall evaluate the cybersecurity prac-
6 tices and protocols of the Department through the conduct
7 of penetration tests and other testing procedures to deter-
8 mine how systems processing, transmitting, or storing
9 mission critical or sensitive data by, for, or on behalf of
10 the Department is currently, or could be compromised
11 and—

12 (1) expose patient data, including Medicare
13 numbers of individuals; or

14 (2) impact patient safety.

15 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date
16 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter—

17 (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
18 ices shall submit to Congress a report that describes
19 how the Secretary will update the cybersecurity
20 practices and protocols of the Department of Health
21 and Human Services to adapt to the latest
22 cyberattack strategies; and

23 (2) the Inspector General of the Department of
24 Health and Human Services shall submit to Con-
25 gress a report that describes—

1 (A) how the Inspector General is currently
2 using Federal funds of the Inspector General to
3 carry out subsection (a); and

4 (B) legislative changes required for the In-
5 spector General to maintain the evaluation de-
6 scribed in subsection (a).