

S 1598

To amend section 1706 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance the management of the provision by the Department of Veterans Affairs of specialized treatment and rehabilitation for disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 31, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 31, 2001)

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs maintains its capacity to provide for the specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of veterans with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress or substance abuse disorder and those in need of prosthetics and sensory aids. Requires each geographic service area and medical center of the Veterans Health Administration to maintain such capacity. Extends permanently requirements for reports on the maintenance of such capacity.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) utilize uniform standards in the documentation of capacity workload and cost data; and (2) carry out a quarterly assessment of the capacity of the Department and its service areas and medical centers to provide for such specialized treatment needs.

Requires the Department's Inspector General to annually audit each service area, and the Department's Under Secretary for Health to conduct an annual employee performance evaluation, with respect to the provision of such needs.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 31, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 31, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11287-11288)
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