

HR 4836

Veterans Safe Medications Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 2, 2002)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 2, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 23, 2002)

Veterans Safe Medications Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe a policy for use by health care providers and pharmacies of the Department of Veterans Affairs of the practice of prescribing or dispensing tablet medication in a form that requires tablet splitting by the patient. Mandates that such policy shall allow tablet splitting only if: (1) a health care professional has determined that the patient has the mental and physical ability to use a tablet splitter; (2) the tablets are in a form referred to as "scored"; (3) the tablets are not sustained-release; (4) the tablets are intended to be taken every 48 hours or more frequently; and (5) an effective tablet splitter has been provided to the patient.

Directs the Secretary to require that any adverse events directly attributable to tablet splitting be reported to the Under Secretary of Health on a monthly basis. Requires the Under Secretary to establish a national formulary of medications that have been approved for tablet splitting.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 2, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 23, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 23, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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