

HR 4053

Mental Health Improvements Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 2, 2007

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2162	Identical bill	Oct 10, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-387.

Summary (as of Nov 1, 2007)

Mental Health Improvements Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the provision of specified substance use disorder treatment services at each Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center and community-based outpatient clinic. Requires the Secretary to ensure that treatment for a substance use disorder and a comorbid mental health disorder is provided concurrently by a team of experienced clinicians.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) carry out a program of enhanced care and treatment for veterans with substance use disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and (2) establish at least six national centers of excellence on PTSD and substance use disorders.

Requires a report on residential mental health care facilities of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

Pays tribute to Justin Bailey.

Requires a: (1) pilot program on peer outreach and support services, readjustment counseling services, and other mental health services for veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom; (2) program of research into comorbid PTSD and substance use disorder; and (3) pilot program on the provision of readjustment and transition assistance to veterans and their families in cooperation with Vet Centers.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 1, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 1, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.