

## HR 3885

### Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Oct 21, 2009

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (May 26, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/3885>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Oct 22, 2009
Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		Oct 26, 2009
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Oct 26, 2009
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]	D · TX		Oct 26, 2009
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Oct 27, 2009
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Oct 27, 2009
Rep. Minnick, Walter [D-ID-1]	D · ID		Oct 27, 2009
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Nov 5, 2009
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jan 20, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Oct 22, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)**

Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a pilot program for assessing the effectiveness of addressing post-deployment mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms through a therapeutic medium of assistance dog training and handling for veterans with disabilities. Requires the pilot program to be carried out at: (1) at least three and not more than five VA medical centers over a five-year period; and (2) centers that provide a training area for educating veterans with mental health conditions in the art and science of assistance dog training and handling. Directs the Secretary, in hiring instructors under the program, to give a preference to veterans who have successfully graduated from PTSD or other residential treatment programs and received certification in assistance dog training.

Requires the Secretary to report annually to Congress during the duration of the program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 26, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 25, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3788-3789)
- **May 25, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 403 - 4 (Roll no. 298).(text: CR 5/24/2010 H3720-3721)
- **May 25, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 403 - 4 (Roll no. 298). (text: CR 5/24/2010 H3720-3721)
- **May 25, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 24, 2010:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 24, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3720-3721)
- **May 24, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3885.
- **May 24, 2010:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 20, 2010:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111-490.
- **May 20, 2010:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 278.
- **May 12, 2010:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 12, 2010:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 22, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 22, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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