

S 1631

A bill to authorize the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of a center for technical assistance for non-Department health care providers who furnish care to veterans in rural areas, 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:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 28, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 23, 2011)

Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) a center for technical assistance to assist non-VA health providers who furnish care to veterans in rural areas. Makes the head of such center the Director of the Rural Veterans Health Care Technical Assistance Center. Requires the Secretary, in selecting the center's location, to give preference to a location that, among other things: (1) has a high number of veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and (2) is near one or more entities carrying out programs and activities relating to health care for rural populations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2012:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-668.
- **Sep 23, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 23, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.