

S 1838

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on service dog training therapy, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Nov 9, 2011
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Nov 9, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jan 24, 2012
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 1, 2012
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 10, 2012

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to commence a three-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dog training activities as components of integrated post-deployment mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) rehabilitation programs at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers to positively affect veterans with such symptoms and to produce specially trained service dogs for veterans. Requires the pilot program to be carried out at one VA medical center selected by the Secretary other than the VA health care system in Palo Alto, California. Makes veteran participation voluntary. Requires the Secretary to: (1) collect program data to determine its effectiveness, as well as the advisability of expanding the program to additional VA medical centers; and (2) report annually to Congress for the duration of the pilot program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2012:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-668.
- **Nov 9, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 9, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7302)