

## HR 2074

### Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention and Health Care Enhancement Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jun 1, 2011

**Current Status:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

**Latest Action:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection. (Oct 11, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/2074>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Buerkle, Ann Marie [R-NY-25]

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

## Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jun 1, 2011
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Runyan, Jon [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Sep 13, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 28, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1627	Related bill	Aug 6, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-154.
112 S 1689	Related bill	Oct 12, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention and Health Care Enhancement Act - (Sec. 2) Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a centralized and comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assaults and other safety incidents at each medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including: (1) risk-assessment tools; (2) mandatory security training; (3) physical security precautions (surveillance camera systems and panic alarm systems); (4) criteria and guidance for employees communicating and reporting incidents to specified supervisory personnel, VA law enforcement officials, and the Office of Inspector General; (5) an oversight system within the Veterans Health Administration; (6) procedures for VA law enforcement officials investigating, tracking, and closing reported incidents; and (7) clinical guidance for treating sexual assaults reported over 72 hours after assault. Requires the Secretary to submit to the congressional veterans committees: (1) an interim report on the policy's effectiveness on improving the safety and security of such facilities, and (2) annual reports on such incidents and policy implementation.

(Sec. 3) Requires VA payments to state nursing homes for care provided to veterans to be based on a methodology which reimburses such home for care provided under contract. (Under current law, such payments are made according to a prescribed rate.) Includes entities eligible to enter into such contracts as authorized VA nursing home, adult day health care, or other extended care providers.

(Sec. 4) Includes the goal of maximizing the individual's independence within an individualized plan for the rehabilitation of veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI). Includes within plan objectives the sustaining of improvement in cognitive, behavioral, and vocational functioning. Includes within the VA definition of "rehabilitative services" treatment and services to sustain and prevent loss of functional gains, as well as any other services or supports that may contribute to maximizing an individual's independence. Includes rehabilitation services within: (1) comprehensive programs for long-term rehabilitation of veterans with TBI, and (2) cooperative agreements for the use of non-VA facilities for neurorehabilitation and recovery programs for such veterans.

(Sec. 5) Prohibits the Secretary from disallowing the use of service dogs in any VA facility or property, or in any facility or property that receives VA funding.

(Sec. 6) Directs the Secretary to implement a three-year pilot program to assess the effectiveness of using dog training activities as a component of integrated post-deployment mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) rehabilitation programs at VA medical centers to positively affect veterans with such symptoms and to produce specially trained dogs that may become service dogs for veterans with disabilities. 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 potential to expand the program to additional VA medical centers; and (2) report annually to Congress for the duration of the pilot program.

(Sec. 7) Eliminates a required annual report on staffing for registered nurses and certain other health-care personnel at VA facilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 11, 2011:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 11, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6689-6693)
- **Oct 11, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2074.
- **Oct 11, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6689-6690)
- **Oct 11, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6689-6690)
- **Oct 11, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 11, 2011:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 112-235.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 154.
- **Sep 8, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 8, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 25, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 24, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 1, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 1, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.