

S 1703

A bill to require the provision of information to members of the Armed Forces on availability of mental health services and related privacy rights.

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 14, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1464	Related bill	Apr 23, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Directs the Secretaries of the military departments to ensure that information concerning the availability of mental health services to members of the Armed Forces (members), as well as privacy rights related to the receipt of such services, is provided to: (1) each officer candidate during initial training, (2) each recruit during basic training, and (3) each other member at such time as the Secretary of Defense (DOD) considers appropriate.

Requires each department Secretary to: (1) seek to eliminate perceived stigma associated with seeking and receiving mental health services, and (2) promote the use of such services on a basis comparable to the use of other medical and health services.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure that such information is also provided to current members, including members of the reserve components.

Actions Timeline

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