

## HR 2072

Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2014

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Jun 10, 2014)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jun 18, 2013
Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Jun 18, 2013
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jun 18, 2013
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Aug 1, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 23, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2065	Related bill	<b>Jul 23, 2013:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
113 HR 2726	Related bill	<b>Jul 19, 2013:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2014 - (Sec. 3) Requires the Inspector General (IG) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), upon determining that the VA Secretary has not appropriately responded to an IG report that recommends actions to be taken by the Secretary to address a VA public health or safety issue, to notify the Secretary and the congressional veterans committees of such failure.

Requires the Secretary: (1) within 15 days after such notification, to submit to the IG a list of the names of each responsible VA manager and the matter for which the manager is responsible; (2) within 7 days after such submission, to notify each such manager of the covered issue; (3) to direct such manager to resolve the issue; (4) to provide the manager with appropriate counseling and a mitigation plan for resolving the issue; and (5) to ensure that a manager's performance review includes an evaluation of actions taken with respect to such issue.

Prohibits the Secretary from paying a bonus or award to any manager whose issue remains unresolved.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Secretary, for the three years beginning on October 1, 2014, to transfer a veteran who is eligible for VA nursing home care to a medical foster home if: (1) the veteran requests that transfer, (2) the home meets the VA's standards, and (3) the transfer is made pursuant to a contract or agreement between the VA and the medical foster home.

Requires a veteran so transferred to agree, as a condition of such transfer, to accept VA home health services.

Defines a "medical foster home" as a home designed to provide non-institutional, long-term, supportive care for veterans who are unable to live independently and prefer a family setting.

(Sec. 5) Prohibits the Secretary from making a per diem payment to a public or nonprofit private entity for the provision of housing or housing services to homeless veterans unless such entity submits to the Secretary an annual certification that the building proposed for such housing or services is in compliance with codes relevant to the operations and level of care provided, licensing requirements, fire and safety requirements, and any other local requirements regarding the condition of the facility and the operation of the entity providing such housing or services.

Directs the Secretary to include, in a currently required annual report on assistance to homeless veterans, an evaluation of the safety and accessibility of such facilities.

(Sec. 6) Extends, through October 1, 2018, the current rates for fees on housing loans guaranteed by the VA, excluding the rates for fees on subsequent loans.

(Sec. 7) Extends through through May 31, 2017, the Secretary's authority to obtain veterans' income verification information from the Commissioner of Social Security or the Secretary of the Treasury.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 10, 2014:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jun 9, 2014:** Mr. Benishek moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 9, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5130-5134)
- **Jun 9, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2072.
- **Jun 9, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5130-5131)
- **Jun 9, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5130-5131)
- **Oct 16, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 113-245.
- **Oct 16, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 173.
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 23, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 23, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **May 31, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 21, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.