

## S 2296

### Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2014

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** May 7, 2014

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (May 7, 2014)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 7, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary

(as of May 7, 2014)

Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2014 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to: (1) ensure that not fewer than three decision review officers are employed at each Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regional office within one year after enactment of this Act; and (2) submit a notice to the House and Senate veterans' affairs committees when the number of such officers at a regional office declines to fewer than three, including a plan to increase the number to at least three and a description of the measures the Secretary plans to take to ensure that appeals before the Board of Veterans' Appeals are disposed of in a timely manner while fewer than three officers are employed at such office.

Directs the Secretary to report to such committees on the ability of the Board to conduct hearings and dispose of appeals in a timely manner. Requires such report to include: (1) whether the number of members of the Board is sufficient; and (2) an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of increasing the number of decision review officers by 10%, 15%, and 25%.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 7, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
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