

## HR 2423

### Disabled Veterans' Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

**Latest Action:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote . (Jul 17, 2013)

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Jul 9, 2013

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 17, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2091	Related bill	Mar 6, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
113 S 1751	Related bill	Nov 20, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Disabled Veterans' Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act - Amends the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 to extend until December 31, 2016, the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide for persons other than VA employees (i.e., contract physicians) to conduct medical disability examinations of applicants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Permits licensed, VA-contracted physicians to conduct such examinations at any location in any state, the District of Columbia, or a Commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, so long as the examination is authorized under the contract.

Amends the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 1996 to provide similar authorities with respect to permissible examination locations to licensed physicians under the pilot program authorizing the VA to use contract physicians to perform medical disability examinations of applicants for benefits under laws carried out through the Under Secretary for Benefits. Expands from 10 to 15 the maximum number of VA regional offices through which the Secretary is authorized to carry out such pilot program.

Directs the Secretary to conduct an annual data analysis (including an analysis of backlogged claims, pending workloads, and the timeliness of completed cases) to determine the regional offices requiring support.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 17, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 17, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 1, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Hearings Held by the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Prior to Referral.
- **Jun 18, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.