

S 2654

Veterans' Credit Protection Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5193	Related bill	Aug 15, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Veterans' Credit Protection Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) conduct outreach to inform veterans of how to resolve credit issues caused by a delayed payment (i.e., a proper invoice that is not paid by the Secretary until after the required payment date); and (2) establish a toll-free telephone number for veterans to report such issues to the Veterans Integrated Service Networks.

Requires the Secretary to report annually on the effectiveness of each Network in providing timely payment of proper invoices during both the preceding five-year period and the preceding one-year period. Requires such report to include:

- the number of veterans who contacted the Secretary regarding delayed payments that could negatively affect their credit;
- the total amount of interest penalties paid by the Secretary by reason of delayed payments;
- the number of proper invoices submitted, the amount owed for and the payment status of such invoices, and the periods that elapsed before such invoices were paid;
- relevant comments received from medical providers regarding delayed payments;
- identification of the Networks with the least and most delayed payments; and
- a description of the best practices to provide timely payment of a proper invoice, including a plan for under-performing Networks to improve.

Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to conduct a study that assesses the effectiveness of each Network in providing timely payment of proper invoices.

Actions Timeline

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