

## HR 4276

Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Mar 18, 2014

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 113-257.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 113-257. (Dec 18, 2014)

**Law:** 113-257 (Enacted Dec 18, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/4276>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]    | R · CA        |      | Mar 18, 2014 |
| Rep. Enyart, William L. [D-IL-12] | D · IL        |      | Jul 14, 2014 |
| Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]    | R · IN        |      | Jul 23, 2014 |
| Rep. Jolly, David [R-FL-13]       | R · FL        |      | Jul 23, 2014 |
| Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]         | R · IN        |      | Jul 24, 2014 |
| Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]     | D · AZ        |      | Sep 15, 2014 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Referred to     | Mar 24, 2014 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Discharged From | Dec 15, 2014 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 113 S 3014 | Related bill | <b>Dec 12, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 16, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014 - Amends the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 to alter the reporting requirements under the pilot program to assess the effectiveness of providing assistance to eligible veterans with traumatic brain injury to enhance their rehabilitation, quality of life, and community integration.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit reports to the congressional veterans committees on the pilot program for each quarter occurring between January 1, 2015, and September 30, 2017. Requires each quarterly report to include for the preceding quarter:

- the number of individuals who participated in the pilot program,
- the number of individuals who successfully completed the program,
- the degree to which pilot program participants and their family members were satisfied with the program, and
- the interim findings and conclusions of the Secretary regarding the success of the program and recommendations for improving it.

Requires the Secretary to include in the report the Secretary submits to the congressional veterans committees after the completion of the pilot program:

- an evaluation of the pilot program in light of the VA's independent living programs, including an assessment of whether the pilot program should be incorporated into such independent living programs; and
- recommendations for improving the pilot program.

Replaces references to "assisted living" with the term "community-based brain injury residential rehabilitative care," including rehabilitation services within the meaning of such care.

Requires this Act and its amendments to be carried out using funds already available for such purposes.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 18, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 18, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-257.
- **Dec 17, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 16, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 15, 2014:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6841)
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- **Dec 15, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 15, 2014:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 17, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Mr. Lamborn moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7585-7587)
- **Sep 16, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4276.
- **Sep 16, 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 H7585-7586)
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- **Sep 16, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 113-598.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 445.
- **Sep 10, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 10, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 24, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 18, 2014:** Introduced in House
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