

## HR 4305

### MEPS Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Nov 12, 2014
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Dec 10, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2231	Related bill	Apr 9, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## Summary (as of Mar 26, 2014)

Medical Evaluation Parity for Servicemembers Act of 2014 or the MEPS Act - Directs the Secretary of the military department concerned to: (1) provide an individual with a mental health assessment before such individual enlists or is commissioned as an officer in an Armed Force, and (2) use such results as a baseline for any subsequent mental health examinations.

Prohibits the Secretary from considering the results of such assessment in determining the assignment or promotion of a member of the Armed Forces.

Directs the Secretary to treat such assessment in the same manner as medical records with respect to laws and regulations relating to the privacy of information.

Requires the National Institute of Mental Health of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to submit to Congress and the Secretary of Defense (DOD) a report on preliminary mental health assessments of members of the Armed Forces, including recommendations regarding: (1) establishing a preliminary mental health assessment of members of the Armed Forces to establish parity with physical screenings; and (2) the composition of the mental health assessment, best practices, and how to track assessment changes relating to traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other conditions.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 1, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Apr 10, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3148)
- **Apr 9, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3065)
- **Mar 26, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.