

## HR 5398

### Marriage and Family Therapists for Veterans Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Aug 1, 2014

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 2, 2014)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Aug 1, 2014
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Aug 1, 2014
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 2, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Aug 1, 2014)

Marriage and Family Therapists for Veterans Act - Revises the eligibility criteria for appointment to a marriage and family therapist position with the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to require a person: (1) to hold a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, or a comparable degree in mental health, from an institution that is regionally accredited or approved by the VA Secretary (currently, approved by the Secretary); and (2) to have passed the Association of Marital and Family Therapy regulatory board examination in marital and family therapy or an examination for a marriage and family therapy license given by a state board of behavioral sciences (or its equivalent).

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 2, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 1, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 1, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.