

HR 1101

Viral Hepatitis Testing Act of 2015

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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 20, 2015
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Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Aug 4, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jan 11, 2016
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 24, 2016
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 25, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 13, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1287	Identical bill	May 12, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2015)

Viral Hepatitis Testing Act of 2015

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out hepatitis B (HBV) and hepatitis C (HCV) virus infection surveillance, education, and testing programs.

Requires HHS to establish a national system regarding HBV and HCV infections, with its goals being to:

- determine the prevalence of infections,
- increase the number of individuals tested and made aware of their status,
- develop and disseminate public information and education programs,
- improve the training of health professionals, and
- provide referrals for counseling and medical treatment and ensure the provision of follow-up services.

Directs HHS to determine the populations that are considered at high risk for HBV or HCV infection.

Requires HHS to develop benchmarks for activities conducted under the Action Plan for the Prevention, Care, & Treatment of Viral Hepatitis.

Directs HHS to establish and support public-private partnerships that facilitate HBV and HCV surveillance, education, screening, testing, and linkage to care programs.

Requires the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to convene the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force every three years to review its recommendation for HBV and HCV screening.

Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide certain veterans with an HBV and HCV risk assessment, and, as needed, an evaluation and information regarding their need for treatment, vaccination, or other therapy.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.