

HR 1331

Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2015

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Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Dec 10, 2015
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Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jun 3, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	May 14, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6062	Related bill	Oct 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 S 666	Related bill	Mar 4, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2015)

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Requires (current law authorizes) the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to accept, for purposes of establishing a claim for veterans disability benefits, a report of a medical examination administered by a private physician without requiring confirmation by a Veterans Health Administration physician if the report is sufficiently complete. Defines "sufficiently complete" as competent, credible, probative, and containing such information as required to make a decision on the claim for which the report is provided.

Requires the Secretary to submit: (1) a report on the progress of the VA's Acceptable Clinical Evidence initiative in reducing the necessity for in-person disability examinations, and (2) an annual report for each VA regional office regarding claims for which private medical evidence was determined to be unacceptable.

Actions Timeline

- **May 14, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 14, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.