

S 1455

TREAT Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 22, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 22, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 22, 2015
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 22, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 22, 2015
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		May 22, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 24, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 6, 2015
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 19, 2015
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 10, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 10, 2015
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Dec 17, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 18, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 4, 2016
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 8, 2016
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 9, 2016
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Apr 6, 2016
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 25, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4396	Related bill	Mar 23, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
114 S 2562	Related bill	Feb 22, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 4435	Related bill	Feb 10, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
114 HR 2536	Identical bill	Jun 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
114 S 636	Related bill	Mar 3, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Apr 27, 2016)

Recovery Enhancement for Addiction Treatment Act or the TREAT Act

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to revise the requirements for a practitioner to administer, dispense, or prescribe narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment in an office-based opioid treatment program.

Currently, a practitioner must notify the Department of Health and Human Services and certify that he or she is a qualifying physician (i.e., a state-licensed physician with certain expertise), has the capacity to refer patients for appropriate counseling and ancillary services, and will comply with a patient limit. The patient limit is how many patients the practitioner can treat under the office-based treatment program at one time.

This bill expands qualifying practitioners to include licensed nurse practitioners and physician assistants who have expertise and prescribe medications for opioid use disorder in collaboration with or under the supervision of a qualifying physician, if required by state law.

It increases the maximum patient limit for a qualifying practitioner and requires compliance with recordkeeping requirements.

(Sec. 4) The amendments made by this bill do not preempt a state law that modifies the patient limit or requires a qualifying practitioner to comply with additional requirements.

(Sec. 5) DOJ must update regulations with respect to waived practitioners to include nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

(Sec. 6) The Government Accountability Office must evaluate the effectiveness of this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Alexander with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 441.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 22, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.