

S 171

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 13, 2015)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 16, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 13, 2015
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 28, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		May 21, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 13, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 288	Related bill	Feb 6, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jan 13, 2015)

Authorizes payment under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beneficiary travel program of travel expenses in connection with the medical examination, treatment, or care of a veteran with vision impairment, a spinal cord injury or disorder, or double or multiple amputations whose travel is in connection with care provided through a VA special disabilities rehabilitation program, if such care is provided: (1) on an inpatient basis, or (2) while a veteran is provided temporary lodging at a VA facility in order to make such care more accessible.

Requires a report from the Secretary to the congressional veterans committees on the travel program.

Actions Timeline

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