

S 1731

Homeless Veterans Services Protection Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Oct 29, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Oct 29, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 6, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6416	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-315.
114 HR 6310	Related bill	Nov 15, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 2921	Related bill	May 16, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 467.
114 S 1105	Related bill	Apr 28, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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(Sec. 2) This bill eliminates the minimum continuous active duty service requirement for homeless veterans to receive certain benefits, including: (1) outreach, (2) rehabilitative services, (3) vocational counseling and training, (4) transitional housing assistance, (5) supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and (6) health care for homeless veterans with special needs.

(Sec. 3) Homeless veterans are exempted from disqualification for such benefits because of discharge or dismissal from the Armed Forces under conditions other than honorable, except for discharge by reason of a general court-martial.

(Sec. 4) Veteran is defined for purposes of such benefits as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released therefrom, except for a person who: (1) received a dishonorable discharge, or (2) was discharged or dismissed by reason of a general court-martial.

(Sec. 5) The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall conduct related training and education for appropriate VA and grant recipient personnel.

(Sec. 6) The services for which a recipient of a grant under the VA comprehensive service program for homeless veterans may receive per diem payments may include furnishing care for a dependent under the care of a veteran who is receiving program services.

(Sec. 7) The VA shall prescribe implementing regulations within 270 days.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 2, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 2, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Oct 29, 2015:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7621)
- **Oct 29, 2015:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7621)
- **Oct 29, 2015:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7621-7622)
- **Oct 29, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7622)
- **Oct 29, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7622)
- **Oct 29, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 9, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 9, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4956-4957)