

S 2279

Veterans Health Care Staffing Improvement Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4134	Identical bill	Dec 4, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a Docs-to-Doctors Program to recruit individuals separating from the Armed Forces who served in a health care capacity in the Armed Forces.

The VA shall: (1) implement a uniform credentialing process for certain health care employees of the Veterans Health Administration; and (2) provide full practice authority to advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and such other licensed VA health care professionals as consistent with their education, training, and certification.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2016:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-707.
- **Nov 10, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 10, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.