

HR 2291

Rural Veterans Travel Enhancement Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 9, 2015
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 9, 2015
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 603	Identical bill	Jun 29, 2016: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-707.
114 S 3029	Related bill	Jun 7, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Makes permanent the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to transport individuals to and from VA facilities in connection with vocational rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, or care.

Treats Vet Centers (centers for readjustment counseling and related mental health services for veterans) as VA facilities for purposes of providing payment of actual expenses of travel or allowance for travel to or from a VA facility.

Amends the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 to reauthorize through FY2020 a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas.

Actions Timeline

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