

HR 2496

Construction Authorization and Choice Improvement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]

Party: Republican • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out the replacement of the existing VA Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, in FY2015 in an amount not to exceed \$900 million.

(Sec. 3) The 40-mile distance requirement for a veteran to use a non-VA medical facility under the veterans choice program of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 shall be construed to allow a veteran to access a non-VA medical facility if:

- the veteran resides more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest VA facility; or
- the veteran faces an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to such VA medical facility not only because of geographical challenges (as under current law) but also because of environmental factors, such as roads that are not accessible to the general public, traffic, or hazardous weather, because of a medical condition that impacts the ability to travel, or because of other factors as the Secretary determines.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S3289-3290)
- **May 22, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S3289-3290)
- **May 22, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 22, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **May 22, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **May 22, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-19.
- **May 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 21, 2015:** Mr. Coffman asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider. (consideration: CR H3546)
- **May 21, 2015:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged.(consideration: CR H3546)
- **May 21, 2015:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged. (consideration: CR H3546)
- **May 21, 2015:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H3546-3547)
- **May 21, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H3547)
- **May 21, 2015:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H3547)
- **May 21, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 21, 2015:** Received in the Senate, read twice.