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Sergeant Daniel Somers Classified Veterans Access to Care Act

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2921	Related bill	May 16, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 467.
114 HR 421	Related bill	Jul 22, 2015: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

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This bill expresses the sense of Congress that veterans who experience combat-related mental health wounds should have immediate and consistent access to comprehensive mental health care.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall:

- establish standards and procedures to ensure that a veteran who participated in a classified mission or served in a sensitive unit while in the Armed Forces may access VA mental health care in a manner that fully accommodates the veteran's obligation to not improperly disclose classified information;
- disseminate guidance to employees of the Veterans Health Administration, including mental health professionals, on such standards and procedures and on how to best engage such veterans during the course of mental health treatment with respect to classified information; and
- ensure that an individual may elect to identify as such a veteran on an appropriate form.

Actions Timeline

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