HR 271

COVER Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	May 15, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5189	Related bill	**Jun 7, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 S 2921	Related bill	**May 16, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 467.
114 HR 4063	Related bill	**May 11, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Jan 12, 2015)

Creating Options for Veterans Expedited Recovery Act or the COVER Act

Establishes the Veterans Expedited Recovery Commission to examine the evidence-based therapy treatment model used by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for treating mental health conditions of veterans and the potential benefits of incorporating complementary alternative treatments available in non-VA facilities and study the potential increase in claims relating to mental health issues submitted by veterans who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn.

Directs the VA, upon a report by the Commission, to submit: (1) an action plan for implementing recommendations and a time frame for implementing complementary alternative treatments, or (2) a justification for any determination that a recommendation is not appropriate and an alternative solution to improve the efficacy of the therapy model.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 15, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 12, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.