

HR 2915

Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Feb 10, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jul 21, 2015
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 27, 2015
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 31, 2015
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 17, 2015
Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2]	D · NE		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Nov 3, 2015
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Nov 16, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 22, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 9, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on December 3, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to identify: (1) VA mental health care and suicide prevention programs that are most effective for women veterans, and (2) those programs with the highest satisfaction rates among women veterans.

(Sec. 3) It is 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 VA shall:

- establish standards and procedures to ensure that each covered veteran may access VA mental health care in a manner that fully accommodates the veteran's obligation to not improperly disclose classified information; and
- disseminate guidance to Veterans Health Administration employees, including mental health professionals, regarding these standards and procedures.

"Covered veteran" means a veteran who: (1) is enrolled in the VA health care system; (2) is seeking mental health treatment; and (3) in the course of serving in the Armed Forces participated in a sensitive (classified) mission or served in a sensitive unit primarily involved in training for the conduct of, or conducting, special activities or classified missions.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 10, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Feb 9, 2016:** Mr. Abraham moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 9, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H630-633)
- **Feb 9, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2915.
- **Feb 9, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H630)
- **Feb 9, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H630)
- **Feb 9, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 9, 2016:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 114-365.
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 278.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 10, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.