

S 3055

Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Law: 114-218 (Enacted Jul 29, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]

Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jul 13, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5770	Identical bill	Jul 14, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and administer a dental insurance plan for veterans enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment under federal veterans' benefits provisions and for veterans' survivors and dependents who are eligible for medical care under such provisions.

The VA shall contract with a dental insurer to administer the plan. Benefits shall include diagnostic services, preventative services, endodontics and other restorative services, surgical services, and emergency services.

Enrollment shall be voluntary. The VA shall: (1) prescribe the minimum enrollment period, and (2) prescribe and annually adjust the premiums necessary to cover costs associated with carrying out the plan. Each individual covered by the plan shall pay the entire premium and the full cost of any copayments.

The VA shall permit voluntary disenrollment within 30 days after initial enrollment and under other specified circumstances the VA shall prescribe to the extent that such disenrollment does not jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the plan.

This bill's provisions terminate on December 31, 2021.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 29, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-218.
- **Jul 19, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Mr. Wenstrup asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H4974)
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H4974)
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- **Jul 14, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5035-5036)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5035-5036)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S5036)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5036)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 29, 2016:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-707.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.