

## S 3132

### Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]

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

## Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2016
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 7, 2016
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 7, 2016
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 12, 2016
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 12, 2016
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 14, 2016
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Dec 9, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 6, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3051	Identical bill	Jun 13, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
114 HR 4764	Related bill	Mar 16, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through the Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation, to carry out a five-year pilot program under which the VA shall provide a service dog and veterinary health insurance to a veteran who:

- is diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder rated at a severity level of 3 or 4 on the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5),
- has completed an evidence-based treatment and remains significantly symptomatic,
- served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001,
- has not experienced satisfactory improvement in symptoms after being treated with evidence-based therapies.

The VA shall enter into contracts with appropriate providers that are certified by Assistance Dogs International or a similar organization for the procurement of service dogs and training of such dogs and their recipients.

The provision of a service dog shall be done in addition to other types of treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and shall not replace established treatment modalities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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