

S 3132

Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016

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Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 13, 2016
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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

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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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.

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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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