

## HR 3234

VA Medical Center Recovery Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 28, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3234>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

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*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 17, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## **VA Medical Center Recovery Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to publish in the Federal Register and on a publicly available VA Internet website a compilation of key health metrics for each VA medical center.

The VA shall: (1) determine on a semiannual basis whether each medical center is satisfactory or underperforming; and (2) upon a determination of underperformance, send a rapid deployment team to the center to ensure that it achieves satisfactory performance as quickly as practicable.

A rapid deployment team shall:

- identify the areas of the medical center that require improvement and whether the center follows directives and best practices;
- establish a performance remediation plan;
- review the status of any disciplinary actions taken at the center, any recommendations made by the VA Inspector General, and any Government Accountability Office findings; and
- provide appropriate training to the director and staff.

The Inspector General of the VA shall prioritize investigations regarding underperforming medical centers.

The Office of Accountability Review shall prioritize investigations of whistleblower retaliation regarding underperforming medical centers.

(Sec. 3) The VA shall seek to enter into partnerships with recognized schools of nursing to provide undergraduate nursing students enrolled in such schools with standardized training with respect to:

- the culture of the military and veterans;
- post-traumatic stress disorder;
- traumatic brain injury;
- amputation and assistive devices;
- environmental, chemical, and toxic exposure;
- substance use disorders;
- military sexual trauma;
- suicide;
- homelessness;
- serious illness at the end of life; and
- federal benefits, services, and resources for veterans.

## Actions Timeline

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- **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 H628-630)
- **Feb 9, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3234.
- **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 H628-629)
- **Feb 9, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H628-629)
- **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.
- **Nov 17, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5531-5532)
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.