

## HR 3471

Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]

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

## Cosponsors (51 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Sep 18, 2015
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 22, 2015
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 6, 2015
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Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Oct 7, 2015
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Oct 22, 2015
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Oct 27, 2015
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Oct 28, 2015
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Nov 2, 2015
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 11, 2016
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		May 18, 2016
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jun 16, 2016
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 6, 2016

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Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Jul 6, 2016
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 6, 2016
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jul 14, 2016
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Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jul 14, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 29, 2016
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 17, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on November 17, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that an eligible disabled veteran provided an automobile or other conveyance is given the opportunity to make personal selections relating to such conveyance.

(Sec. 3) The VA shall develop a comprehensive policy regarding quality standards for providers of modification services to veterans under the automobile adaptive equipment program.

Such policy shall cover: (1) management of the automobile adaptive equipment program, (2) development and application of safety and quality standards for equipment and installation, (3) provider certification by a third party organization or manufacturer, (4) manufacturer certification of a provider, (5) education and training of VA personnel, (6) provider compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and (7) allowance for veterans to receive modifications at their residence or location of choice.

The VA shall approve a manufacturer as a certifying manufacturer if such manufacturer demonstrates that its certification standards meet or exceed the quality standards provided for by this bill.

The VA may approve two or more private, nonprofit organizations as third party, nonprofit certifying organizations.

The VA shall: (1) within one year and at least every six years thereafter, update VHA Handbook 1173.4 in accordance with such policy; and (2) within one year of such update and biennially thereafter through 2022, report on policy implementation and facility compliance.

The VA shall: (1) develop and revise such policy in consultation with veteran service organizations, the National Highway Transportation Administration, industry representatives, manufacturers of automobile adaptive equipment, and other entities with relevant expertise; and (2) ensure against the use of a certifying entity that has a financial conflict of interest regarding the certification of an eligible provider.

(Sec. 4) The VA may appoint licensed hearing aid specialists to the Veterans Health Administration.

The VA shall ensure that: (1) a hearing aid specialist may only perform hearing services consistent with the specialist's state license related to the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids, without excluding other qualified professionals from rendering services in overlapping practice areas; (2) services provided to veterans by hearing aid specialists shall be provided as part of the non-medical treatment plan developed by an audiologist; and (3) VA medical facilities provide veterans with access to the full range of audiologist services.

The VA shall, within one year and annually thereafter for the next five years, report on: (1) veterans access to such hearing health services; and (2) VA contracting policies for providing hearing health services to veterans in non-VA facilities, including the number of veterans referred to audiologists and hearing aid specialists.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-256.
- **Dec 2, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Mrs. Walorski asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H6353-6355)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate Amendment: CR H6354-6355)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate Amendment: CR H6354-6355)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 18, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6493)
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5277-5279)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3471.
- **Sep 12, 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 H5277-5278)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5277-5278)
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 114-709.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 548.
- **May 18, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Nov 17, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 10, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.