

## S 3535

Clean Up the Department of Veterans Affairs Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Dec 8, 2016

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 8, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Dec 8, 2016 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Clean Up the Department of Veterans Affairs Act of 2016**

This bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from employing any individual who has been convicted of any of the following state or federal criminal offenses for which the minimum term of imprisonment is more than one year:

- a sex offense,
- an offense involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance,
- fraud,
- theft,
- assault,
- battery,
- a crime of violence,
- an offense involving the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon,
- bank robbery, or
- kidnapping.

The VA may not employ any individual in a health care position who has had a license or credential relating to such position revoked or suspended.

The VA shall: (1) conduct background checks before hiring, and (2) terminate any individual employed by the VA in violation of this bill in a manner consistent with merit system principles.

## **Actions Timeline**

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