

HR 3936

VET Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jan 7, 2016
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 2, 2016
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Apr 11, 2016
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	May 11, 2016
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4782	Related bill	Sep 12, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 574.

Veteran Engagement Teams Act or the VET Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), beginning not later than October 1, 2016, to carry out a three-year pilot program under which the VA shall carry out Veteran Engagement Team events to assist veterans in completing VA disability and pension claims.

Such events shall be carried out:

- during the first year, at least once a month within the jurisdiction of each of 10 VA regional offices, including at least 2 regional offices in each of the 5 districts of the Veterans Benefits Administration;
- during each of the second and third years, at least once a month within the jurisdiction of each of 15 VA regional offices, including at least 3 regional offices in each district;
- at different locations within each regional office's jurisdiction and at least 50 miles from any regional office;
- during the sponsoring regional office's normal business hours; and
- with a sufficient number of physicians (to be available for opinions only), veteran service and rating representatives, and other appropriate claims personnel to initiate, update, and finalize the completion and adjudication of claims.

Amounts shall be paid to a VA employee for event work only from amounts otherwise available for the employee's salary. No additional appropriations are authorized for such payments.

The VA shall: (1) collect and analyze event-satisfaction information from attending veterans, and (2) report annually to Congress on event implementation.

The VA may not permanently transfer any Veterans Health Administration physician to staff an event.

(Sec. 3) The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 is amended to reduce the aggregate amount of awards and bonuses that may be paid by the VA in FY2017.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4010-4012)
- **Jun 21, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3936.
- **Jun 21, 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 H4010)
- **Jun 21, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4010)
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 11, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 11, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 13, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.