

## HR 3956

VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Nov 5, 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. (May 24, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jan 12, 2016
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2016
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Feb 10, 2016
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 17, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 29, 2016
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4977	Related bill	<b>Apr 29, 2016:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

## Summary (as of May 23, 2016)

### VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act

(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) develop and implement a plan to hire highly qualified directors for each VA medical center that lacks a permanent director, and (2) prioritize such hiring for the medical centers that have been without a permanent director for the longest periods. The plan shall include: (1) a hiring deadline; (2) identification of possible hiring impediments; and (3) identification of opportunities to promote and train candidates from within the VA for senior executive positions, including medical center directors.

(Sec. 4) The VA shall ensure that the director of each VA medical facility annually certifies that the facility is in full compliance with all provisions of law and regulations relating to scheduling appointments for veterans hospital care and medical services. The VA may not waive any applicable provision of such laws or regulations.

If unable to make such certification, the director shall provide the VA with an explanation of noncompliance and a description of compliance actions being taken. If a director does not make a certification for any year, each covered official may not receive specified awards or bonuses during the subsequent year. A covered official is the: (1) director, (2) chief of staff, (3) associate director, (4) associate director for patient care, and (5) deputy chief of staff.

(Sec. 5) The VA shall ensure that its directives and policies apply uniformly to each VA office or facility.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 23, 2016:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 23, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2918-2920)
- **May 23, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3956.
- **May 23, 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 H2918-2919)
- **May 23, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2918-2919)
- **May 23, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2016:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **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 by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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