

## HR 3980

Veterans Freedom of Healthcare Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 3, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Nov 16, 2015
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Dec 17, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 3, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1991	Related bill	Aug 5, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6391)

## **Veterans Freedom of Healthcare Act**

This bill amends the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to make the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Choice Program permanent. (The program allows the furnishing of hospital care and medical services to eligible veterans through agreements with non-VA entities.)

Program eligibility requirements are revised.

The VA shall ensure that veterans enrolled in the health care system, particularly those with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or greater, are able to receive:

- health care at VA medical facilities within certain wait-time goals; and
- the highest degree of care possible, with an emphasis on maintaining the highest degree of quality in treating ailments unique to or prevalent among the veteran population, including mental health services.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **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.