

HR 421

Classified Veterans Access to Care Act

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Sponsor

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| Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52] | D · CA | | Jan 20, 2015 |
| Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3] | R · FL | | Jan 20, 2015 |

Committee Activity

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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Reported by | Jul 22, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 2921 | Related bill | May 16, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 467. |
| 114 S 2527 | Related bill | Feb 10, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

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Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to:

- establish standards and procedures to ensure that a veteran who participated in a classified mission or served in a sensitive unit while in the Armed Forces may access VA mental health care in a manner that fully accommodates the veteran's obligation to not improperly disclose classified information;
- disseminate guidance to employees of the Veterans Health Administration, including mental health professionals, on such standards and procedures and on how to best engage such veterans during the course of mental health treatment with respect to classified information; and
- ensure that an individual may elect to identify as such a veteran on an appropriate form.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 20, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 20, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.