

## HR 4640

Veteran Suicide Prevention Act

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**Chamber:** House

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 7, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Veteran Suicide Prevention Act**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to complete a publicly available review of the deaths of all covered veterans who died by suicide during the preceding five-year period.

Such review shall include:

- the total number of veterans who died by suicide during the five-year period;
- a summary that includes age, gender, and race;
- a list of the medications prescribed to, and found in the systems of, such veterans at the time of their deaths, and a summary of medical diagnoses by VA physicians which led to the prescribing of such medications;
- the number of instances in which the veteran was concurrently on multiple medications prescribed by VA physicians;
- the percentage of veterans who were not taking any medication prescribed by a VA physician;
- the percentage of veterans with combat experience or trauma;
- Veterans Health Administration facilities with markedly high prescription and patient suicide rates;
- a description of VA policies governing the prescribing of medications; and
- recommendations to improve the safety and well-being of veterans.

"Covered veteran" means any veteran who received VA hospital care or medical services during the five-year period preceding the veteran's death.

## **Actions Timeline**

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