

HR 4764

Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Mar 22, 2016
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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Apr 12, 2016
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Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Apr 13, 2016
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Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Apr 15, 2016
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Apr 15, 2016
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Apr 15, 2016
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Apr 18, 2016
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Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Apr 18, 2016
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Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		May 10, 2016
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Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		May 18, 2016
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 18, 2016
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		May 24, 2016
Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		May 24, 2016
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 24, 2016
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 25, 2016
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 25, 2016
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		May 25, 2016
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		May 26, 2016
Rep. Graham, Gwen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		May 27, 2016
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jun 7, 2016
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Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jun 7, 2016
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 7, 2016

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Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jun 8, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jun 13, 2016
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jun 16, 2016
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2016
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Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 12, 2016
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Sep 27, 2016
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2016
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Nov 14, 2016

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Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Nov 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3132	Related bill	Jul 6, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
114 S 3051	Related bill	Jun 13, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 16, 2016)

Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through the Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation, to carry out a five-year pilot program under which the VA shall provide service dogs and veterinary health insurance to certain veterans who: (1) served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001; and (2) were diagnosed with, and continue to suffer from, post-traumatic stress disorder.

The provision of a service dog shall be done in addition to other types of treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and shall not replace established treatment modalities.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2016:** Introduced in House
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