

## HR 5128

### Protection and Advocacy for Veterans Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Dec 8, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3141	Related bill	Jul 7, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **Protection and Advocacy for Veterans Act**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a five-year grant program to improve the monitoring of VA mental health and substance abuse treatment programs.

The VA shall award a grant to four protection and advocacy systems under which each recipient shall investigate and monitor VA facilities care and treatment of veterans with mental illness or substance abuse issues. Criteria for selecting recipients shall include whether the state in which the protection and advocacy system operates has low mental health, performance, and access scores.

During each year in which a protection and advocacy system carries out a demonstration project, the VA shall award a joint grant to a national organization with extensive knowledge of the protection and advocacy system and a veterans service organization to: (1) coordinate training and technical assistance, and (2) provide for related data collection, reporting, and analysis.

"Protection and advocacy system" means the state-established system to protect and advocate the rights of persons with developmental disabilities.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 13, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2129)
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.