

## HR 5162

Vet Connect Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Apr 29, 2016

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sep 27, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5162>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Apr 29, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2016
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6062	Related bill	<b>Oct 19, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Vet Connect Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to disclose to non-VA entities that provide hospital care or medical treatment to veterans (including private entities and other federal agencies) records of the identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any patient in connection with a program relating to drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus, or sickle cell anemia.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 27, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5887-5888)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5162.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5887)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5887)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 26, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.