

HR 5458

Veterans TRICARE Choice Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate. (Nov 30, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jun 14, 2016
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jun 15, 2016
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jun 15, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 8, 2016
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 15, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 868	Related bill	Nov 23, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 S 448	Related bill	Feb 11, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on November 14, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill allows, as of January 1, 2017, an individual who is eligible to be a covered beneficiary entitled to health care benefits under the TRICARE program (a Department of Defense [DOD] managed health care program) and who is not serving on active duty in the uniformed services to: (1) elect to be ineligible to enroll in TRICARE, (2) make tax deductible contributions to a health savings account during the period such individual elects to be ineligible for TRICARE coverage, and (3) enroll in the TRICARE program at a later date during a special enrollment period.

DOD shall submit to the Internal Revenue Service information on each TRICARE-eligible individual who makes such election for purposes of determining such individual's eligibility for a health savings account.

DOD shall provide to each TRICARE-eligible individual who seeks to make such election information regarding: (1) health savings accounts, and (2) changing an election.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2016:** Received in the Senate.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Mr. Smith (NE) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6317-6319)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5458.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text of measure as passed: CR H6317)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text of measure as passed: CR H6317)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 114-809, Part I.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 633.
- **Sep 8, 2016:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.