

HR 5501

Get Veterans a Doctor Now Act

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Related Bills

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114 HR 6062	Related bill	Oct 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Get Veterans a Doctor Now Act

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to offer a contingent physician's appointment to a person who, upon completion of a post-graduate training program, completes a residency program within two years after the VA offer.

Eligibility requirements for a VA physician's appointment, including a contingency appointment, are revised to require completion of a residency program rather than an internship.

The VA shall ensure that a recruiter or other similar official of each Veterans Integrated Service Network visits, at least annually, each allopathic and osteopathic teaching institution with a graduate medical education program within the Network to recruit individuals for the Veterans Health Administration.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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- **Jun 16, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.