

HR 5648

Mental Health Care Provider Retention Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 14, 2016)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2016
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill allows an individual who has been diagnosed with a mental health condition and who is transitioning from receiving treatment from the Department of Defense to receiving treatment from in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to elect to continue receiving treatment from such individual's DOD mental health provider.

Such individual shall receive the same level of priority as members of the Armed Forces at the facility at which the individual has elected to continue treatment. The VA shall reimburse DOD for rendered services that otherwise would have been furnished by the VA.

If the DOD mental health care provider departs the facility at which the covered individual is receiving treatment, such individual may elect to obtain the services of: (1) a different mental health care provider at the same facility, or (2) a VA mental health care provider.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jul 6, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 6, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.