

HR 5726

Better Informing Veterans' Healthcare Decisions Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2016
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6517	Related bill	Dec 8, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill urges the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that preventing veteran suicide and providing veterans access to mental health care is its top reform priority.

The VA shall, every 30 days, determine and provide to the Department of Defense, with respect to the previous year:

- the average national wait times (in days) for veterans enrolled in the VA health care system to receive appointments for mental health care and primary health care at VA medical facilities,
- the average time for the VA to process a claim for disability compensation, and
- the average time for the VA to decide an appeal of such a claim.

The VA shall place a sign displaying the most current such times in a conspicuous location at each career counselor or career assistance advisor office.

Actions Timeline

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