

HR 6076

TREAT Astronauts Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Sep 20, 2016
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 21, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6531	Related bill	Dec 20, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
114 S 3346	Related bill	Dec 12, 2016: Held at the desk.

To Research, Evaluate, Assess, and Treat Astronauts Act or the TREAT Astronauts Act

(Sec. 3) This bill authorizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to provide for:

- the medical monitoring and diagnosis of a former U.S. government astronaut or former payload specialist for conditions that NASA considers potentially associated with human space flight; and
- the treatment of such an astronaut or payload specialist for conditions that NASA considers associated with human space flight, including scientific and medical tests for psychological and medical conditions.

The bill requires that such medical monitoring, diagnosis, or treatment shall be provided without any deductible, copayment, or other cost sharing obligation.

NASA may not require such an astronaut or payload specialist to participate in the medical monitoring, diagnosis, or treatment authorized by this bill.

NASA shall protect the privacy of all medical records generated with respect to such medical monitoring, diagnosis, and treatment and accessible to NASA.

The term "government astronaut" does not include individuals who are international partner astronauts.

NASA shall arrange with an independent external organization to undertake an independent cost estimate of the cost to NASA and the federal government for the implementation and administration of the activities of NASA under this bill.

NASA shall study any potential privacy or legal issues related to the possible sharing beyond the federal government of data acquired under the activities of NASA.

The NASA Inspector General shall periodically audit or review NASA's activities to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 8, 2016:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Mr. Babin moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7306-7310)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6076.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7324-7325)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 413 - 0 (Roll no. 614). (text: CR H7306-7307)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 413 - 0 (Roll no. 614). (text: CR H7306-7307)
- **Dec 7, 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 (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.