

# HR 6187

VET MD Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Sep 27, 2016
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Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 27, 2016
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Veterans-Specific Education for Tomorrow's Medical Doctors Act or the VET MD Act**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a three-year pilot program at at least five VA medical centers to provide undergraduate students a clinical observation experience.

The VA shall ensure that such program:

- increases the awareness, knowledge, and empathy of future medical professionals toward the medical conditions common to veterans;
- increases the diversity of the recruitment pool of future VA physicians;
- provides a diverse clinical observation experience commensurate with the standard expectations for medical school applications; and
- expands clinical observation opportunities for all students by encouraging students of all backgrounds to consider a career in medicine.

The VA shall select undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens enrolled in an accredited science or medical program of study to participate in the program, with priority to students who resided in a health professional shortage area and who are the first in their immediate family to attend an undergraduate institution.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 6, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1380)
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.