

## HR 1058

VA Provider Equity Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Feb 14, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 25, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Mar 23, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 23, 2017
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Blum, Rod [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Apr 12, 2017
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Apr 12, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 26, 2017
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		May 1, 2017
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		May 16, 2017
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jun 13, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jun 27, 2017
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Jun 27, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jul 18, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 19, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2372	Related bill	<b>Jun 6, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-182.
115 S 2906	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 5674	Related bill	<b>May 11, 2018:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 516.
115 S 1871	Related bill	<b>Sep 27, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Summary (as of Jul 24, 2017)

### VA Provider Equity Act

(Sec. 2) This bill: (1) makes a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) doctor of podiatric medicine eligible for any supervisory position to the same degree as a VHA physician, and (2) increases the pay grade of podiatric surgeons to match the compensation of other VA surgeons, physicians, and dentists.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall establish standards to ensure that specialists appointed to supervisory VHA positions do not provide direct clinical oversight for purposes of peer review or practice evaluation for providers of other clinical specialties.

(Sec. 3) The bill revises the extension date from September 30, 2027, to September 30, 2026, for the \$90 per month limit on a VA pension paid to veterans residing in nursing homes when their nursing costs are paid through title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 25, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6171-6172)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1058.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Walz objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6198)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6171)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6171)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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