

## S 1153

Veterans ACCESS Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** May 17, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Nov 13, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1153>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 17, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 9, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 13, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2810	Related bill	<b>Dec 12, 2017:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-91.
115 S 1557	Related bill	<b>Jul 13, 2017:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 173.
115 HR 3095	Identical bill	<b>Jun 28, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Veterans Acquiring Community Care Expect Safe Services Act of 2017 or the Veterans ACCESS Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to deny or revoke eligibility to provide non-VA health care services to veterans for any any health care provider that: (1) was removed from VA employment for violating VA policy relating to the delivery of safe and appropriate health care, (2) violated medical license requirements, (3) had a VA credential revoked on grounds that impact the provider's ability to deliver safe and appropriate health care, or (4) violated a law for which a prison term of more than one year may be imposed.

The VA may deny, revoke, or suspend a health care provider's eligibility to provide non-VA health care services based on a reasonable belief that such action is necessary to immediately protect the health or safety of veterans if: (1) the provider is under investigation by a state's medical licensing board, (2) the provider has entered into a settlement agreement for a disciplinary charge relating to the practice of medicine, or (3) the VA otherwise determines that such action is appropriate.

The VA shall suspend a health care provider's eligibility to provide non-VA health care services to veterans if such provider is suspended from serving as a VA medical provider.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 13, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 13, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 13, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7166)
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7166)
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7166)
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7166)
- **Jul 11, 2017:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-320.
- **May 17, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 17, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.