

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)

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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	Dec 12, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-91.
115 S 1557	Related bill	Jul 13, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 173.
115 HR 3095	Identical bill	Jun 28, 2017: 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

- **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.