

HR 1681

Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2017

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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 8, 2017
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jun 8, 2017
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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Nov 16, 2017
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2018
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		May 24, 2018
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jun 25, 2018
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 5, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 700	Identical bill	Mar 22, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2017

This bill directs the Department of Defense (DOD) to furnish fertility treatment and counseling, including through the use of assisted reproductive technology, to a severely wounded, ill, or injured member of the Armed Forces who has an infertility condition incurred or aggravated while serving on active duty (covered member) or to the spouse, partner, or gestational surrogate of such member.

DOD shall:

- establish procedures for gamete retrieval from a member of the Armed Forces in cases in which the fertility of such member is potentially jeopardized as a result of an injury or illness incurred or aggravated while serving on active duty; and
- give members of the Armed Forces on active duty the opportunity to cryopreserve and store their gametes prior to a combat zone deployment at no cost to the member.

Fertility counseling and treatment are included within authorized Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical services.

The VA shall furnish such treatment and services to a jointly applying covered veteran and his or her spouse, partner, or gestational surrogate.

The VA may pay the adoption expenses (for up to three adoptions) for a covered member who is enrolled in the VA health care system.

The VA shall facilitate research conducted collaboratively by DOD and the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the VA's ability to meet the reproductive health care needs of veterans who have a service-connected genitourinary disability or a condition that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty that affects the veterans' reproductive ability.

The VA shall enhance the capabilities of the VA women veterans contact center to: (1) respond to assistance requests, and (2) refer such veterans to federal or community resources.

The pilot program of group retreat reintegration and readjustment counseling for women veterans recently separated from service is enlarged and extended.

The bill provides child care assistance to qualified veterans for: (1) mental health care services, and (2) readjustment counseling and related mental health services.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.