

## HR 1725

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit certain reports relating to medical evidence submitted in support of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Law:** 115-130 (Enacted Mar 9, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Mar 24, 2017
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Mar 24, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Mar 24, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 24, 2017
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Mar 24, 2017
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Mar 24, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Apr 8, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 27, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 15, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 706	Related bill	Mar 23, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 19, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

(Sec. 1) This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), within 180 days of enactment of this bill, to submit a report on the progress of the VA's Acceptable Clinical Evidence initiative in reducing the necessity for in-person disability examinations.

Such report shall include: (1) the number of claims eligible for the initiative, disaggregated by fiscal year; (2) the total number of claims eligible for the initiative that required a VA medical examiner to supplement the evidence with information obtained during a telephone interview with the claimant; (3) information on other VA initiatives to encourage the use of private medical evidence; (4) the anticipated impact on the time line and accuracy of processing claims if the VA were prohibited from requesting a private medical examination that is adequate for a claims decision; and (5) recommendations on how the VA can measure, track, and prevent the ordering of unnecessary medical examinations when a private examination has been administered.

(Sec. 2) The VA shall submit by March 1 of FY2018-FY2024 an annual report that includes for each VA regional office: (1) the number of times a veteran who submitted private medical evidence in support of a claim for compensation or pension was scheduled for an examination by VA personnel because the private medical evidence was determined to be unacceptable, (2) the most common reasons for such determinations, and (3) the types of disabilities for which claims were most commonly denied when private medical evidence was submitted.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 9, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 9, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-130.
- **Feb 28, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 16, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1190-1191)
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- **Feb 15, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 24, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 23, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4475-4476)
- **May 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1725.
- **May 23, 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 H4475)
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- **May 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 19, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-133.
- **May 19, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 82.
- **May 17, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 17, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 27, 2017:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 27, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 24, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Mar 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.