

## S 1871

### VA Provider Equity Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Oct 26, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 9, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 14, 2017
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Dec 1, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 12, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 15, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 10, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1058	Related bill	Jul 25, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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 VHA surgeons, physicians, and dentists.

The Department of Veterans Affairs 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.

### Actions Timeline

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