

S 1873

Veteran PEER Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Sep 27, 2017

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

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 29, 2018)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1873>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 27, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 27, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 27, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Dec 21, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 10, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 23, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jan 25, 2018
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 29, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2372	Related bill	Jun 6, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-182.
115 S 2906	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 5830	Related bill	May 15, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 5674	Related bill	May 11, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 516.
115 S 2193	Related bill	Mar 7, 2018: By Senator Isakson from Committee on Veterans' Affairs filed written report. Report No. 115-212.

Summary (as of Jan 25, 2018)

Veteran Partners' Efforts to Enhance Reintegration Act or the Veteran PEER Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a program to establish not fewer than two peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at VA medical centers to promote the use and integration of services for mental health, substance use disorder, and behavior health in a primary care setting.

The VA shall ensure that the needs of female veterans are specifically addressed and that female peer specialists are included in the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 29, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Jan 29, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S525-526)
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.