

## HR 1972

VA Billing Accountability Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Apr 6, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (May 22, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1972>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (48 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		May 2, 2017
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 17, 2017
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Sep 28, 2017
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Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Nov 29, 2017
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Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Dec 21, 2017
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Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Dec 21, 2017
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Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Dec 21, 2017
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Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jan 5, 2018
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jan 22, 2018
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Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 25, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jan 25, 2018
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jan 25, 2018
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jan 30, 2018
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jan 30, 2018
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2018

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Mar 6, 2018
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Mar 6, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Mar 9, 2018
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Apr 16, 2018
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Apr 26, 2018
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 27, 2018
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		May 10, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 8, 2018
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 21, 2018)

### VA Billing Accountability Act

(Sec. 2) This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to waive the requirement that a veteran make copayments for medication, hospital care, nursing home care, or medical services if the veteran received copayment notification more than 180 days after the medical service or receipt of medication and such delay was caused by VA error.

In requiring a veteran to make a copayment for medical services, the VA shall notify the veteran within 180 days (18 months in the case of a non-VA facility) of the service. If the VA does not provide such notification, it may not collect the payment unless the veteran is provided with an opportunity to apply for a waiver or establish a payment plan.

The VA shall review and improve its copayment billing internal controls and notification procedures.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 21, 2018:** Mr. Dunn moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 21, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4247-4248)
- **May 21, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1972.
- **May 21, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4247)
- **May 21, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4247)
- **May 21, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-681.
- **May 18, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 524.
- **May 8, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 8, 2018:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.