

HR 2123

VETS Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]

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

Cosponsors (26 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		May 2, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 11, 2017
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 11, 2017
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		May 11, 2017
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 24, 2017
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jun 28, 2017
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 28, 2017
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Aug 8, 2017
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Oct 3, 2017
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Nov 1, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 3, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Nov 6, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 7, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 8, 2017

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 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.
115 HR 4242	Related bill	Mar 5, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 444.
115 S 925	Identical bill	Jan 5, 2018: Held at the desk.
115 HR 1152	Related bill	Mar 3, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Nov 7, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Veterans E-Health and Telemedicine Support Act of 2017 or the VETS Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill allows a licensed health care professional of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to practice his or her profession using telemedicine at any location in any state regardless of where the professional or patient is located if the covered health care professional is using telemedicine to provide VA medical or health services.

Such authority shall apply to a covered health care professional regardless of whether the covered health care professional or patient is located in a federally-owned facility.

The bill defines "covered health care professional" as a health care professional who: (1) is a VA employee appointed under specified VA authorities or under the civil service; (2) is authorized by the VA to provide health care; (3) is required to adhere to all telemedicine quality standards; and (4) has an active, current, full, and unrestricted state license, registration, or certification for such health care profession.

The VA shall report to Congress on the effectiveness of the VA's use of telemedicine.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 8, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-394.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 290.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8556-8558)
- **Nov 7, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2123.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8556-8557)
- **Nov 7, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8556-8557)
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 25, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 25, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.